



YEAR 7 UNIT 1

GREEK MYTHS AND LEGENDS

MASTERY BOOKLET

NAME:

We want your knowledge to be secure, so you will use this booklet at home to reinforce the learning we do in class.

Origin Gods	
Gaia/Gaea	The primordial earth-mother goddess and personification of the natural world
Ouranos	The sky god, Gaia's spontaneously conceived son. Father of the Titans
Kronos	A Titan who castrated his father, Ouranos. Father of the Olympians including Zeus
Olympian Gods	
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Poseidon	God of the sea. Brother of Zeus.
Hades	God of the underworld. Brother of Zeus.
Hermes	The messenger of the gods
Athena	Daughter of Zeus. Goddess of wisdom and air.
Apollo	Son of Zeus. God of sun and light.
Hera	Goddess of women, marriage, family and childbirth. The sister and wife of Zeus.
Titan Gods	
Prometheus	Stole fire from Mount Olympus. Cursed by Zeus to have his liver eaten daily.
Epimetheus	Brother of Prometheus. Owner of Pandora's box.
Greek Heroes	
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Theseus	Son of King Aegeus of Athens. Slew the Minotaur.
Hercules	Demi-god son of Zeus. Gained immortality after completing 12 labours
Important Mortals	
Pandora	Created by Zeus as a punishment to mankind after Prometheus' transgression. Opened a forbidden box
Daedalus	Built the Labyrinth
Icarus	Son of Daedalus. Flew too close to the sun.
Arachne	Mortal who challenged Athena
Ariadne	Daughter of King Minos. Helped Theseus slay the Minotaur.
Mythical Creatures	
Medusa	Cursed by Athena. Petrifying gaze and poisonous snakes for hair.
The Minotaur	Half-brother to Ariadne. Half bull, half human. Inhabitant of the Labyrinth.
Cerberus	Hades' three-headed hell-hound. Guards the gates of the underworld.
Nymphs	A mythological spirit of nature imagined as a beautiful maiden inhabiting rivers, woods, or other locations.
Themes of Greek Mythology	
Wrath of the gods	Both powerful and wise, and cruel and vengeful
Heroes and monsters	Many famous heroes were locked in battles against strange and dangerous monsters
Death and the Underworld	Hades and Persephone ruled the Underworld, a common setting for many myths, accessed by the River Styx
Tricks and transformations	Many monsters were transformed by the gods as part of their powerful vengeance
Battles and quests	All great heroes gained glory through dangerous quests, some of which were long, arduous and took many years
Prophecy and curses	Myths often involve prophecies about the future. Gods often curse mortals as punishment
Trust and betrayal	Many characters place their trust in each other and in the gods, only to be betrayed.
Honour and glory	Victory in battle would bring high renown
Key vocabulary	
Origin	The point or place where something begins
Culture	The ideas, customs and behaviour of a people or society
God/goddess	Immortal and often supernatural subjects of mythology
Mortal	A living being that cannot live forever
Prophecy	The foretelling or prediction of what is to come
Curse	A prayer or invocation (call/appeal) for harm or injury to come upon someone
Wrath	Extreme anger
Quest	A long or arduous search for something
Temptation	The desire to do something, especially wrong or unwise
Deity	A god or goddess (in a polytheistic religion)
Betrayal	Disloyalty – the act of betraying one's country, a group, or a person; treachery
Hamartia	A fatal flaw leading to the downfall of a tragic hero or heroine
Hubris	Excessive pride or self-confidence
Polytheistic	A belief in or worship of more than one god
Renown	Being known or talked about by many people; fame.
Vengeful	Seeking to harm someone in return for a perceived injury
Transgression	An act that goes against a law, rule, or code of conduct
Mythology	A collection of stories, especially belonging to a religious or cultural tradition
Retribution	Punishment inflicted as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act
Invocation	An appeal to a higher authority for assistance

	Cover, write, check	Definition
Hegemony		
Pantheon		
Ritual		
Votive		
Appease		
Aetiological		
Psychological		
Invoke		
Intervene		
Sanctuary		
Primordial		
Regurgitate		
Exile		
Swaddle		
Indistinguishable		
Serene		

Knowledge check 1 – The Creation Myth

What was Ancient Greek culture noted for?

When were the first Olympic games held?

What does an aetiological myth try and explain?

What is a historical myth?

What is a psychological myth?

What primordial deity existed before all others?

What three sets of children did Gaea and Uranus create?

How did Uranus treat the cyclopes and Hecatoncheires?

How did Kronos and Gaea manage to defeat Uranus?

What prophecy did Kronos receive?

How did Kronos treat his children?

How did Rhea and Zeus trick Kronos?

How was Atlas, leader of Zeus' enemies, punished after the Titanomachy?

Knowledge check 2 – Pandora's Box

What relation were the titans Prometheus and Epimetheus?

What did Epimetheus create?

How did Prometheus make humans different to animals?

What gift did Prometheus give to humanity?

Why did Zeus grow enraged at this gift?

How did Zeus punish Prometheus for his transgression?

What did Zeus create as a punishment for humanity accepting the gift?

What was Zeus' wedding present to Epimetheus and Pandora? What instruction did he give alongside it?

When Pandora opened the box, what escaped?

What was the final thing to leave the box?

What is an abstract noun?

Give three examples of abstract nouns.

Knowledge check 3 – Arachne

What was Arachne's greatest skill?

What is meant by the term 'hubris'?

How does Arachne demonstrate her hubris in the myth?

How does Athena try and show Arachne mercy?

During their competition, what images does Athena weave into her tapestry?

How is Arachne punished for her transgression?

Knowledge Check - The Myth of Icarus

Define: heedless and impulsive

Another name for a maze? L_____

How are Icarus and Daedalus trapped?

What is a fledgling?

3 adjectives to describe Daedalus?

What is an oracle able to do?

Why did Acrisius lock Danae away?

Who was Perseus' teacher?

What is Perseus given to help him on his quest?

How does the myth show us that fate is unavoidable?

What is Xenia?

What is the name for a priest who tells a prophecy?

What is the name of a creature who is half-human, half-horse?

What is the name for being turned to stone?

Define: adamantite

How does Acrisius try to avoid his fate at the beginning of the myth?

Who is Chiron?

How does Perseus feel about Polydectes?

How do Zeus, Hermes and Athena help Perseus?

In Greek mythology, how were the Atlas mountains created?

Why is Andromeda going to be sacrificed?

How is the inevitability of fate explored at the end of the myth?

Knowledge check – Alternative perspectives

From whose perspective is the poem written?

Why do you think Duffy chooses to offer this perspective?

How does the woman in the poem feel?

What has caused her to feel this way?

How does Duffy help the reader to empathise with the narrator?

Knowledge check – The origin of the Seasons

How is Demeter described at the beginning of the myth?

How does Persephone end up in the Underworld?

What happens to the earth when Demeter searches for Persephone?

How is life for Persephone in the Underworld?

How does Hades trick Persephone?

What compromise is reached at the end of the myth?

Knowledge check – Echo and Narcissus

How does Echo incur the wrath of Hera?

How is Narcissus' cruelty shown?

How is Narcissus' experience fitting and deserved retribution for his actions?

What lessons did the Ancient Greeks learn from this myth? (not just aetiological)

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