



# GREEK MYTHOLOGY PROJECT

80pts

## BACKGROUND

We have been learning about Ancient Greece for several weeks now. In that time we have learned about Greece's geography, political and cultural development and major wars. In this activity you will cover an interesting part of Greek culture, its mythology. Myths are traditions or stories that usually concern some supernatural beings, monsters, heroes or events. Myths were usually meant to teach a lesson or pass on traditions.

In this mini research project you are going to research a Greek god or goddess and will answer several questions about them.

## DIRECTIONS

Answer the following questions to complete your investigation. Be sure to take notes for your research in dot-jot form and record the source each set of notes came from. You must keep your research sources straight! All research notes should be hand-written!

1. Name of your god/goddess
2. What are the powers and character traits associated with your god/goddess?
3. Can you find a specific myth or story that shows how your god/goddess attained these powers? What are some examples/stories that show your god/goddess's character traits?
4. What are the special symbols (objects) or animals that are associated with your god/goddess?
5. How did these symbols, objects or animals come to be associated with your god/goddess?
6. What relatives (parents, siblings, spouse, children, etc. ) does the god/goddess have? Or you can show a Family Tree covering their family links.
7. Choose one myth in which your god/goddess is the main character and summarize it. The myth should show how a particular symbol or animal came to be associated with your God/Goddess or show something significant about your god/goddess' personality or powers or teach some deeper message within the myth portraying your deity.
8. What other identifying characteristics or **interesting facts** have you discovered about your god or goddess?
9. Do an Google search of your god. How is your god's name used in **society today**? List several examples.
10. *\*This is considered a research project; therefore, it is very important that you be sure to cite your sources! Any websites that you use for each particular question to address you **MUST** cite it!*

*You must use a total of at least **FOUR** different sources for this project.*

## PROJECT FORMAT

For this project I am going to give you three different options:

- **PowerPoint Presentation:** You can do a PowerPoint presentation to address each question for your project. Understand you must cite EACH slide (at the bottom) for where you get your information. You must minimally have 7 slides. Use lots of pictures!
- **Essay:** You can choose to write up your research in a more formal essay format. Minimally you should have a full page double spaced and typed with 12 point font Times New Roman. You must be sure to have a works cites page for this format.
- **Poster:** You can do a poster presentation of your deity. With this you must fill the entire poster with information and pictures. Cut them out of magazines, print them off the internet, glue objects onto it. Be creative!

### Project Time & Details:

- You will be given two class periods to do this project. The rest you will have to do outside of class on your own.
- Because you will be doing your city-states project in a group this project will be individual. NO god or goddess can be duplicated! When you choose your deity come to the teacher and they will write down your deity. First come first serve!
- HAVE FUN!!

### Sources for Research:

Use the following trusted links or you can use library book sources web-page for this research project:

- <http://www.greekmythology.com/>
- [http://www.ancientgreece.co.uk/gods/explore/exp\\_set.html](http://www.ancientgreece.co.uk/gods/explore/exp_set.html)
- <http://www.mythweb.com/>
- [http://www.theoi.com/Encyc\\_A.html](http://www.theoi.com/Encyc_A.html)
- <http://www.messagenet.com/myths/>
- <http://www.pantheon.org/mythica.htmlv>
- <http://members.tripod.com/~greekmyth/index.htm>
- <http://www.pantheon.org/areas/mythology/europe/greek/>
- [http://www.desy.de/gna/interpedia/greek\\_myth/greek\\_myth.html](http://www.desy.de/gna/interpedia/greek_myth/greek_myth.html)
- <http://projects.edtech.sandi.net/kimbrough/greekgods/#Resources>
- <http://greekgodsandgoddesses.net/>
- <http://www.ancientgreece.com/>
- <http://www.pantheon.org/areas/mythology/europe/greek/articles.html>
- <http://www.theoi.com/>
- <http://www.paleothea.com/>