

Perspectives on Myths and Sacred Texts

Directions: Read and listen to the audio clips for each of the interviews. Take notes on what each author believes. All you need is a basic summary for each. Make a copy of this assignment and then once you complete it, drop the link into the dropbox.

Does Man Need Myths:

Colin McGinn	
Margaret Atwood	
Anne Provost	
Jeanette Winterson	
Joseph Campbell Listen to the 7 minute clip	

Are Myths True?

Jeanette Winterson	
Richard Rodriguez	
Joseph Campbell listen to clip/ what happens to society when it no longer embraces myth?	

Myths for the 21st Century

Will Power	
Jeanette Winterson	
Mary Zimmerman Listen to clip/ how does she see the power of myth? Old ideas dressed up for now--how does she accomplish this? What big ideas does she see in myths?	
Click here and list the 12 ways of interpreting myth	

What do you think? Go to Blackboard and respond on the blog.

“Stories of mythology are the edge, the interface between what can be known and what is never to be discovered, because it's a mystery transcendent of all human research. The source of life. What is it? No one knows.” --Joseph Campbell

"What the myths say, is that you have to be the hero of your own life. You're the one who has to take charge of who you are, you're the one who has to take control. And also, you're the one who can bring something to the community."

-- Jeanette Winterson