

Mythology Fall 2025

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<http://lordalford.com/mythology/mythology.htm>

Course Description

We cover World Mythology. The first quarter will be primarily Greek and Roman, but then we will delve into the likes of Norse, Egyptian, Celtic, maybe King Arthur, and possibly do several crash courses in cultures like Aztec, Chinese, Polynesian, Japanese, Babylonian, Native American, Slavic, and maybe a touch of Voodoo. Along the way, we will also explore folk tales and legends of various cultures. Basically, if you think that six-headed monster is most likely a cursed princess, of course the sky is really the inside of the skull of a dead giant, and you know that you never, ever go into the dark woods, and are fine lots and lots of names that you cannot spell along with conflicting continuity, then this is the class for you. This class receives honors grade credit, so there will be the expectation of effort and attention put into projects.

Course Texts

- *Percy Jackson's Greek Gods* by Rick Riordan
- *Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes* by Rick Riordan
- *Norse Mythology* by Neil Gaiman (awesome book!)
- *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton (we will use this very little)

You are not required to purchase these texts. I do have some copies available in the class and can photocopy sections as well, but honestly, if you love mythology, why wouldn't you seize an opportunity to buy more mythology books? :)

Projects and Events

This is an elective and while the material will be difficult at times, the purpose is to enjoy the journey. To that end, we will participate in events like The Quest to Be the Chosen One, Constellation Hunts, Escape from the Pyramid of Doom!, Mythology Peeps, North Carolina Odyssey, and other absolutely weird and crazy projects as time allows.

Grading

Daily grades (including quizzes and homework) - 50% Tests and projects - 50%

What You Need

For this class you will need your computer. Color pencils may come in handy, but don't go out and buy some just for this course. Or do. This is America. Who am I to tell you what to buy or not?

Class expectations:

- **Be loud** - I need you interacting with what we are doing in class.
- **All school rules will be enforced** - this includes but is not limited to school policies on food, tardiness, absenteeism, and electronics.
- **Cheating in any form will not be tolerated.** Anyone who copies, allows their work to be copied, plagiarizes, uses AI, etc. will receive a zero, have their parent/guardian contacted, and be turned into the school administration.
- **Students will show proper respect to all.**
- **Students are responsible for completing their own work** regardless of whether or not they are absent from class. Some of the work is independent and will require the student to keep up with the pacing of such. The web page and calendar can be used to stay up to date.

Take some time to play around on the website. The site is being updated and does contain some projects that we may not do. It also may have dead links (especially since some link to Google Docs from my old school of which I no longer have access to those versions (but I do have backups)). Let me know if you run across any so I can update it.

Gain immortality - Are you the chosen one? We will see if you can complete the A-Mythic Race and be admired by all for years to come. Get a glimpse of what this will entail at:
<https://www.lordalford.com/mythology/A-Mythic%20Race/a-m-race.htm>

Mythology is... messy. We will be as tactful as the course allows, but gods are typically not good individuals and they do horrible things (which is why impressionable little freshmen should wait to take this their junior year). **Parents and students need to understand this before embarking on this course.**

Your first homework assignment:

Get your parents to email me at mark.alford@enoriveracademy.org. This will act as an acknowledgement that you and they understand the nature of this course. For your efforts, I will give you a Drachma (two, if I get it Wednesday before class).

