

Heschel English Dept: 9th grade Summer Reading Assignment

Greek Mythology Websearch

- Please use ONLY the following trusted sources for your research, and **carefully cite each source** that you use.
[NOVELny](#) - statewide access to electronic resources, including Britannica.
[Britannica.com](#); [Greek Mythology – Mythopedia](#); [Theoi Greek Mythology](#)
- Please DO NOT simply cut and paste the ‘easy answer” that you get from Google AI at the top of a search page!

1. Fill out the table below for the following **Olympian Gods**, who play significant roles in Odysseus’ story; we have done the first for you as an example.
Remember to **cite your source or sources!**

Name	Role	Family ties	Weapon of choice	Symbols associated	Source (found with each web article)
These gods play a significant role in the epic					
Zeus	The ruler of the gods in Greek mythology. Zeus was a sky and weather god, especially associated with rain, thunder, and lightning.	Son of Cronus and Rhea, brother of Poseidon and Hades; father of Athena, Aphrodite, Apollo (and others) Married to Hera. Had many love affairs!	Thunderbolt	Eagle Oak tree	Philips, F. Carter. "Zeus." World Book Advanced, 2024, www.worldbookonline.com/advanced/article?id=ar616740 . Accessed 29 May 2024.
Poseidon					
Athena					
Hermes					
These gods (and many others!) are mentioned in the epic					
Hades					
Artemis					

2. Find an answer to the following questions about some of the characters we will meet; again, **cite your source in each case**.
- What special reason does Poseidon have for hating Odysseus?
 - Where does the nymph Calypso live?
 - How long does it take Odysseus to get home again to Ithaca after leaving to fight in the Trojan War?
 - What are the names of Odysseus' wife and son?
3. The Trojan War is an important precursor to the events of *The Odyssey*. Answer the following questions about this infamous mythic conflict; **cite your source** in each case.
- What event triggered the war?
 - Who won the war?
 - Where do archeologists and historians believe the ancient city of Troy once stood?
4. Finally, complete the following table exploring some of the **human characters** referenced in the epic. While these characters are not central to the action in *The Odyssey*, they are mentioned by others, often as cautionary tales. As before, we have completed the first one as an example.

Name	Position/role in society	Famous for?	Family ties	Sticky end?	Source
Agamemnon	King of Argos, commander-in-chief of the Greek army that sacked Troy.	Sacrificing his daughter to allow the Greek fleet to depart for Troy.	Wife, Clytemnestra Son, Orestes. Daughters: Iphigenia, Electra & Chrysothemis	Killed by his wife in revenge for the killing of their daughter.	"Agamemnon." <i>Britannica Academic</i> , Encyclopædia Britannica, 7 May. 2020. academic.eb.com/levels/collegiate/article/Agamemnon/3980 . Accessed 29 May. 2024.
Clytemnestra					
Orestes					
Cassandra					
Tiresias					
Achilles					