

Greek Mythology Inquiry Journal

PURPOSE:

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

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Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

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Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

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Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

INQUIRY QUESTION

What *meanings* did the Greek myths have for the ancient Greeks?

Explore a thematic topic in Greek mythology (e.g., generosity, narcissism, altruism, honesty, arrogance, justice, deceit, treachery, hospitality, etc.) and explain its significance.

ONE

Directions:

1. Read *sources* about **4 or more DIFFERENT** myths/mythological figures. You may use print books and/or digital sources provided here:
 - a. [eBooks in Destiny Discover](#) (access through Clever)
 - b. [ProQuest eBook Central](#) (username = clovisusd; pw = GwEW1QV7)
 - c. [PowerSearch](#) (library database; pw = broncos)

TIPS:

- i. Type (**Mythological figure**) after your character's name when you search.

ii. Click on **Books** for your source type.

2. As you read, record your **thinking** in the table below. Be prepared to **share** your ideas with a small group.

SOURCE Identify the source with a link or title/author . Record the character's/myth's name if it isn't in the title.	THEMATIC Topics What thematic topics arise in this myth? Examples: generosity, narcissism, altruism, honesty, arrogance, justice, deceit, treachery, hospitality	QUESTIONS ➤ What do you wonder about this myth/mythological figure? ➤ What Level 2 or 3 questions arise from your reading?
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2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

TWO

What surprised or interested you in your reading?	
What is ONE thematic topic you'd like to explore in greater depth?	
What is ONE myth/mythological figure that connects to the thematic topic you listed above? This should be a myth or mythological figure you want to read more about.	
Research Question Write a researchable question to use as a tool for exploring the theme topic you listed above.	

A good research question is open-ended. It:

- Has multiple possible answers
- Requires reading and thinking
- Is complex, not simple

Your research question should:

- ☐ include a thematic topic
- ☐ include a connection to Greek mythology
- ☐ provoke discussion of meaning around the theme topic

Your question should **NOT** *lead to a retelling of the myth* (summarizing what happened).

Your answer to your question will be your THESIS statement - a BIG idea about what the myth *means*.

Question Frames

What does the Greek myth of _____ suggest about _____ (thematic topic)?

According to the myth of _____, what are the causes and consequences of _____ (thematic topic)?

What ideas does the myth of _____ offer about _____ (thematic topic)?

Your Question

THREE

Directions:

1. Get **feedback** on the thematic topic you chose and the research question you developed from your partner or small group and your teacher.
2. **Revise** your research question as necessary and record the revised version in the table below.
3. **Read (or reread) more sources** and write in your inquiry journal below with your theme\atic topic and research question in mind.
4. You must read at least **THREE sources about the myth/mythological character you selected**; one should be a **digital** source.

Topic and Question	Thematic Topic:	Research Question about Thematic Topic: According to the myth of Midas , what are the causes and consequences of greed ?
SOURCE Identify the source with a link or title/author . These should all be about the SAME myth/mythological figure.	DIRECT QUOTATIONS / DETAILS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record 2-3 facts from each source that connect to your theme. Copy information directly from the text. Include page #s if the source has them. ***This is NOT note taking.	ANALYSIS <i>Ideas and Connections</i> What did you learn about your thematic topic from this source?
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
REFLECT		
Now that you have read more sources, what is a possible answer to your research question? In other words, what are we supposed to learn about your theme topic? Write at least ONE idea in a complete sentence .	The myth of Midas suggests that greed...	

