

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) - OPEN the books; do NOT check them out.
 - b. ProQuest eBook Central (username = clovisusd; pw = M8wzPWIT)
 - 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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| 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. | |
| <p align="center">Research Question</p> <p align="center">Write a researchable question to use as a tool for exploring the theme topic you listed above.</p> | |
| <p>A good research question is open-ended. It:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 | Your Question |
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| 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)? | |

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 thematic 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: |
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| SOURCE | DIRECT QUOTATIONS / DETAILS | ANALYSIS |

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| Identify the source with a link or title/author . These should all be about the SAME myth/mythological figure. | <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. <p>***This is <i>NOT</i> note taking.</p> | <p><i>Ideas and Connections</i></p> <p>What did you learn about your thematic topic from this source?</p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">REFLECT</p> | | |
| <p>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?</p> <p>Write at least ONE idea in a complete sentence.</p> | | |