

Mythology

Instructor:

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Overview:

Mythology is a one trimester course that will explore the stories and cultural impact of world mythology. The course will focus on archetypes, Greek and Roman, Norse, Egyptian, and Native American myths as well as Arthurian Legend. The students will learn the most famous and/or significant myths through stories, lecture, discussion, media and research. Prerequisites: English 9 and Speech or the equivalent.

Course Expectations:

- Students will show up, on time, to class every day. On time is defined as being in a seat when the tone sounds.
- Students will come to class with a writing utensil and either a notebook or a three ring binder everyday, regardless of the lesson plan for the day.
- Students will adhere to the 1:1 classroom policies.
- No food or drink is allowed.
- Students will turn in all papers on the assigned due date.
- Late work will reduce the grade by 50% automatically. Late will not be accepted two weeks after the original due date.
- Students will employ urbane language at all time.
- Students and parents will sign a release form allowing the viewing of/listening to media.
- Students will follow the policies set forth by Mona Shores High School.

Grading Criteria:

Students will be required to keep accurate notes. Grades will be determined mostly through quizzes and tests. Throughout the course, there will be a minor paper and a research based project. There are weighted categories for this course: 25% for homework, 35% for essays and projects, and 40% for tests and quizzes. ***Extra credit opportunities are very rare***

GRADING SCALE

A = 100–93	B- = 82–80	D+ = 69–68
A- = 92–90	C+ = 79–78	D = 67–63
B+ = 89–86	C = 77–73	D- = 62–60
B = 85–83	C- = 72–70	F = <59

Requirements for Papers:

1. Regardless of the topic, all papers should reflect the following:
2. Strong introduction and conclusion with a clear thesis statement. Please underline your thesis. In a thesis essay, you provide evidence from reading and films to support your thesis.
3. Carefully cite references to the reading. Any thought that is not your own needs to be clearly cited in the paper. This includes actual quotations and ideas/facts that you include from the readings and research. A properly cited "Works Cited" page (for the research paper) using MLA style is required. See me **before** submitting your paper if you have any questions regarding citing sources.
4. The paper must be typed, double-spaced and appear in MLA format.
5. Proofread your paper or consult help from someone else.
6. You need to display original thought on the subject. Please do not regurgitate opinions shared in class unless they are your own
7. Timeliness. Papers are due at the beginning of the class period assigned.
8. Late papers will be deducted 10% each

Tentative Schedule:

- Defining Mythology
- Greece and the Greco-Roman gods
- Greek Heroes and the hero's journey
- Celtic myths and King Arthur
- Norse mythology
- Egyptian mythology
- Native American mythology
- Comic book superheroes (time permitting)
- Eastern myths (time permitting)