

Welcome to Mr. Nelson's Mythology!

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What the Class is About: Mythology is a semester course designed to explore the mythology and folklore of various cultures across the world. We'll study creation myths from around the world; heroic journeys; classic (Greek) mythology; Egyptian, Norse, and Arthurian tales; and various myths and legends from around the world, both ancient and modern.

We will read stories, looking for patterns and themes to deepen our understanding of the human experience. We will also express our thoughts, ideas, and connections through writing, artwork, and presentation.

List of Supplies:

- Your planner
- Pens/pencils/paper
- Binder or folder to store important handouts and selected work
- A notebook (composition-style preferred), minimum 70 pages
- Colored pencils

Expectations: Students are expected to come to class prepared, to listen and participate appropriately in class instruction, discussion, and working time, to do their best work, and to keep the classroom clean. In short, we adhere to the Grizzly Guide, which states that Grizzlies are respectful, responsible, resourceful, and brave. We follow all Timberline policies, including tardy and nuisance item policies, which you can find on our school website.

Mythbook: In your notebook, or "Mythbook," you will record facts, patterns, and themes from the stories you learn about. You should bring it every day. Sometimes it will be available for you to use on quizzes and tests.

Assignments: Use your planner, Skyward, and the class website to keep up on your assignments. Work is due when it is called for in class. If an assignment is not ready to turn in when it is due, it can be turned into the "late or absent work" basket. 20% will be deducted from a late assignment. If you were absent for an assignment, it must be turned in by the next class period. All assignments will be due by an announced cut-off date each term.

Zeros: A “0” in Skyward means that an assignment is due but it hasn’t yet been turned in, so turn it in quickly. If you have turned something into the “late or absent work” basket, it may take up to a week to be graded. (Be patient!) If you have a zero and are sure you turned it in, check the “no name” basket first.

Redos: Not only should you complete your assignments, but you should show quality and pride in that work. You can redo if you want to improve your score in a certain assignment.

Tests and Quizzes: If you are absent for a test, you must make it up once you return, or late points may be deducted. The make-up test may be an alternate assessment.

Films/Clips: We may watch movies or clips as part of our curriculum. Parents, please inform me if you have concerns about any of the following:

clips of *The Odyssey* (1997) – Disney *Hercules* (1997) – *Willow* (1988) – *Clash of the Gods* (documentaries - 2009) – clips of *Star Wars* (1977) — *Ever After* (1998) – *First Knight* (1995)

Teacher Conferencing: I love helping you out with assignments or grades! Come visit before/after school or email me. You may also sign-up for a specific conference time.

In compliance with the Disabilities Act, students needing special accommodations may contact the instructor for alternative arrangements.

Grades are broken down as follows:

93-100%	A	73-76%	C
90-92%	A-	70-72%	C-
87-89%	B+	67-69%	D+
83-86%	B	63-66%	D
80-82%	B-	60-62%	D-
77-79%	C+	0-59%	F

I’m excited to be teaching Mythology this year! It is fascinating to explore the beliefs and creativity of other cultures in the past, as well as to see how the legacy of mythology echoes in our world today.

Signature/Parent Contact Page

I have read and understand the disclosure document for Mythology.

Student Name (please print)

Student Signature

Date

Parents, please provide the best way to contact you.

Parent Name

Parent Contact Information

**Parents, to receive text reminders, text @4e63ek to the phone number 810-10.
Students, please get permission from your parents first.**

English 7 Wish List

(Donations are wonderfully appreciated – thank you!)

Pencils

Tissues

Markers

Lined paper

Masking tape

Hand sanitizer

And, of course, candy!