

Freshmen Summer Reading Assignment

Heroes, Gods, and Monsters of the Greek Myths by Bernard Evslin

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NOTE: This book will be used in the beginning of the school year as well as for summer reading.

All answers will be handwritten in blue or black ink on separate sheets of paper.

Instructions:

- Respond to each of the following sections with detailed accuracy.
- Use complete sentences when answering all questions and paraphrasing.
- Define all vocabulary words listed for each section.

Gods:

afflict	ambush	conjure	depose
diagnostic	dropsical	lamentation	prophecy

1. How does Hera feel about her husband's actions and in what ways does she retaliate?
2. How did Poseidon convince Demeter to love him?
3. Who did Hades value the most in the underworld and what was his/her/their role in the underworld?
4. What happens to those who anger the gods? Give at least one example.
5. Who is Arachne? What is her relationship with Athene and how does she die?
6. Who was Persephone and what was her relationship to the gods?
7. Who is Leto and why did Hera put a curse on her?
8. Who is Apollo's most famous son and why is he so famous?
9. Who is the one god/goddess who was never distracted from his/her duties? How was this god/goddess born?

Nature Myths:

anoint	appall	billow	dawdle	eloquence
lyre	oracle	perception	quiver	sustenance

1. What did Prometheus do to anger Zeus and what was his punishment?
2. What is the importance of the Nature Myths? What was their role in the belief system of the Greeks?
3. How did Zeus get revenge on man for taking fire from Prometheus?
4. What was the lesson being taught in the myth of Pandora's Box?
5. What was the reason for Phaethon being killed?
6. How is Orpheus' experience with Hades different than that of most?
7. What was Narcissus' flaw and how is the representation of his flaw still in existence?
8. How did Aphrodite's plan with Eros go wrong? What was the outcome?

Demigods and Fables:

ardent

gargantuan

pliant

aspiration

labyrinth

scorn

bawl

parry

sheave

beguile

partridge

sumptuously

caprice

pediment

vengeance

1. What is the definition of a demigod?
2. What was the role of demigods in the world of the Greeks?