

Greek Mythology - Final Project

You need to pick one of the following projects to demonstrate your knowledge of Greek Mythology and *The Odyssey*. The finished project is worth 300 points toward your 4th quarter grade. You will have class time to work on the project but to earn a "B" or an "A", you will probably have to do some outside work on it.

Project One: Mount Olympus Newspaper

Create a newspaper that the Gods might have read. You will need to include popular sections just like a real newspaper: sports, world news, local news, entertainment, comics, advice column, etc. Make sure that the contents of your newspaper reflect all your knowledge of Greek Mythology and the *Odyssey*. Your project will be graded on the amount of knowledge that you present, the creativity of your project, and all mechanics of good writing.

Project Two: Interviews

You are a famous reporter and have been given an exclusive panel interview with three different Gods or Heroes from Greek Mythology that we have studied. What juicy information would your readers want to know? What questions would you want to ask? How and where would this interview take place? You can either write your interviews as a magazine article, a TV script (do a video to be shown in class), or do an actual performance in class (anyone that helps you will earn some extra credit). You will need to submit the final script for a grade along with any class presentation or video. Your project will be graded on the amount of knowledge that you present, the creativity of your project, and all mechanics of good writing.

Project Three: Modern Day Epic Adventure

You can write a modern day epic adventure similar to the one that Odysseus took in the *Odyssey*. You will need to write the epic in separate books, illustrate each book, and have similarities to the classic Greek epic. You can either write as a story or create a book with chapters for each portion of the epic similar to the one you read on the Internet. Your project will be graded on the amount of knowledge related to the classic epic "The *Odyssey*" that you present in your modern epic, the creativity of your project, and all mechanics of good writing.

Project Four: Essay on "Heroism"

You can write a formal essay on "The Nature of Heroism". In this essay, you will need to compare and contrast the ancient Greek concept of heroism versus the modern definitions of heroism and what type of new heroes have emerged. Our modern day heroes do not slay monsters or engage in bloody battles, but have captured the imagination of many Americans. What qualities of heroism, redefined to these modern day heroes possess versus the classic concept of heroism? Your project will be graded on the amount of knowledge that you present, the creativity of your project, and all mechanics of good writing.

Project Five: Research Project

You will do some research on Greek Myths or fables. You will need to give a listing of your myths, what happens in them, and what is the message or moral learn from these myths. You must research at least 6 or more myths. You must write a report but can add a chart that shows all the information on each myth. You will also have to submit an annotated bibliography of your research sources. (Yes, you can use the Internet.) Your project will be graded on the amount of knowledge that you present, the creativity of your project, and all mechanics of good writing.

Project Six: Create a Board Game

Design a mythology game. Choose the *Odyssey* as your beginning concept. Note all the details that you want to include in the game. Write a detailed rulebook (at least 5 pages) and design and produce the necessary accessories: board, cards, dice, spinners, game pieces, etc. Your project will be graded on the amount of knowledge that you present, the creativity of your project, and all mechanics of good writing.