



# Mythology

*With Mrs. Guzman*  
*Mythology is the lie that tells the truth.*



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Welcome to Mythology! I am thrilled that you have chosen to take this exciting and unique course. Mythology is designed to give you a broad understanding of the relevance and importance of myths in all genres of literature and in modern culture. The course is a semester in length, and satisfies an English or elective credit. We focus on Classical Myths, which are stories of the ancient Greeks and Romans. You will gain so much from your involvement in the course. I WILL CHALLENGE YOU, but I guarantee that the challenge will be a worthwhile experience, and one that will help you grow as a student and assist you for college. My request of you is simple...PUT FORTH EFFORT. If you do, I promise that you will be pleased and proud of the result.

## Materials:

*Please have your materials with you each class period.*

- Three ring binder with FIVE dividers and notebook paper.
- Spiral notebook with three holes
- Markers or highlighters in various colors
- 3x5 cards
- Blue or black pens

## Attendance Policy:

The MVHS attendance policy will be enforced (see student handbook for details.) *Students are expected to be in class and on time every day.* Mythology has a tendency to be quite illogical and bizarre. It is so difficult to understand concepts discussed in class if you are not here.

Additionally, you will have frequent assessments over your homework and information discussed in class. *If you are late for class and miss a quiz, you will not have the option of taking the quiz.*

If you miss class or are late due to personal issues, COMMUNICATE with me and ADVOCATE for yourself.

## Assignments:

Turn assignments in to your class tray at the beginning of class.

Assignment due dates will be posted on the white board—you are responsible for keeping track of them

Late work will be accepted throughout the term; however, late work will not be graded in a timely manner

## Behavior and Personal Conduct:

**Bullying** of any kind **will not be tolerated**. Anyone participating in bullying will be asked to leave class immediately and will lose all participation points for that day, in addition to other repercussions.

**Plagiarism** (copying another person's work or taking credit without citing sources) is **unacceptable**. Any assignment or assessment that is found to contain plagiarized work will result in an automatic 0, with no opportunity for make-up.



IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW that the discussion of how mythological characters are formed and created will occur in the reading material, and be part of our class discussions. The topic of sex does occur in several myths; however, I do not feel that the references/allusions to this topic are inappropriate in any way. Please also be aware that you will see images of Greek nudes. I want you to realize that the images used are Classical pieces of artwork, and that nudity and pornography are not the same thing.

**TECHNOLOGY: AS THE SCHOOL HAS PROVIDED CHROME BOOKS TO BE USED IN CLASS, THE USE OF CELL PHONES IS UNNECESSARY. LIMITED USE WILL BE ALLOWED AT MY DISCRETION. OTHERWISE, KEEP THEM IN YOUR POCKETS/BACKPACKS**



Grades:

Grades will be assigned as follows:

70% for assessments, including essays

20% for assignments, both in class and as homework

10% participation, including coming to class prepared and contributing to discussion

**TEXTBOOK: *Mythology: The Tales of Gods and Heroes* (ISBN 0446607258)**

**I suggest purchasing your own copy of the textbook. You will find having your own copy useful. The text is approximately \$7.00. You may also borrow a copy from the school for your use; however, you may not write in or damage the school copy in any way.**

This class is open to all students. Mountain View High School offers education to all students and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin. Students who have a grievance with another student or any school employee should talk to the school administration or a counselor about their concerns.

Sign below to show that you and a guardian have read, understand, and accept these policies.

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Guardian Name (print)

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Guardian Signature

