# Love in Greek Mythology

Since ancient times, people always look forward to perfect love. However, among the love stories of Greek Mythology, many of them reveal the uncertainty of love, as many people can’t find their perfect love supposed in real life.

One of the most well-known story about love in Greek Mythology is the story of Apollo and Daphne. One day Eros was infuriated by Apollo, so he shot the arrow which excites love through Apollo’s heart, and shot another which repels love through Daphne’s love. Therefore, Apollo fell in love with Daphne madly, but Daphne wanted to run away from him as far as she could. As Apollo ran more rapidly, Daphne asked her father, the river god Peneus, for help. Her father turned her into a laurel tree, but Apollo still loved her insanely and he embraced the branches and kissed the wood. This story shows unrequited love, which is often suffering and painful.

Another well-known story is the story of Paris and Helen, which caused the Trojan War and many deaths during the war. As Aphrodite promised Paris the most beautiful woman in the world, Paris and Helen, whose husband was the throne of Sparta, fell in love with each other. They went to Troy and got married, and this caused Greece to attack Troy to revenge. This story shows that inappropriate love may cause serious consequences.

Both stories reveal that love can’t always be perfect. When people fall in love, they often become emotional rather than rational, so they may pursue their lovers madly whether their lovers agree or not, or they may chase their love without considering the consequences. That’s just what love stories in Greek Mythology show. To avoid harm, we’d better try to think rationally instead of getting blinded by love.