

Revised Prospectus

Topic: Hermes; Arlene Allan's book, *Hermes*

Thesis: Arlene Allan conveys the idea that Hermes was an important component in the Olympian pantheon through deep analysis of Hermes' roles and functions in ancient Greece.

Introduction:

- Brief introduction of Hermes
- State thesis

Summary:

- Chapter 2: Transmissions
 - Hermes' role as Zeus' Herald
 - Hermes' role as an interpreter
 - Hermes' role as an instructor
- Chapter 3: Transitions
 - Hermes' role as protector of travelers
 - Hermes provided guidance for young men

Interpretation:

- ***Chapter 2: Transmissions***
 - How did Allan convey the notion that Hermes functioned as more than a messenger?
 - Zeus' Herald
 - *Homeric Hymn to Demeter*
 - What role did Hermes have in the delivery and interpretation of dreams?
 - *Homeric Hymn to Hermes*:
 - 'the leader of dreams' and 'the watcher by night'
 - The *Odyssey*:
 - Dreams that pass through hewn ivory gate are empty of meaning (Allan 45)
 - Dreams that pass through polished horn gate are true and find fulfilment (Allan 45)
 - Hermes delivered the hidden messages contained within dreams.
 - Allan provides evidence of Hermes' transmission of knowledge and skill.
 - Allan 47-48
- ***Chapter 3: Transitions***

- Allan's evidence of Hermes' function as travel guide and protector of travelers
 - Herms and epigrams (Allan 56)
 - Hermes' protects Odysseus from Circe's witchcraft in the *Odyssey*
- Allan's take on how Hermes guided young men in their transitioning into men.
 - (Allan 62-65, 'Maturation')

Conclusion:

- What did my essay address?
 - Chapters 2 and 3 of Arlene Allan's book, *Hermes*
- What is my conclusion?
 - Hermes had many roles and functions, despite being commonly referred to as simply a messenger & a guide.
- How did I reach this conclusion?
 - Summarized Arlene Allan's ideas from chapter 2 and 3
- Restate Thesis
 - Arlene Allan proposes that Hermes was a sophisticated and prominent god as had many key roles and functions in ancient Greek myth and society.

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