



# Orphism and the Orphic Cult

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Mythology

# Orpheus

**Musician,  
poet and  
prophet.**

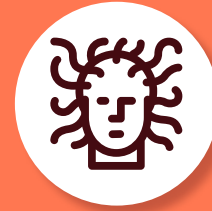


# Origin & meaning of mythology



## Mythos

Mortals are pieces of the  
divine, reborn from the earth



## Logos

A cult of those obsessed with  
breaking their rebirth and  
ascending or becoming a  
shade of Hades



# The difference:

## Common Mythology

**Titans create gods, gods defeat  
titans, gods inherit the world.**

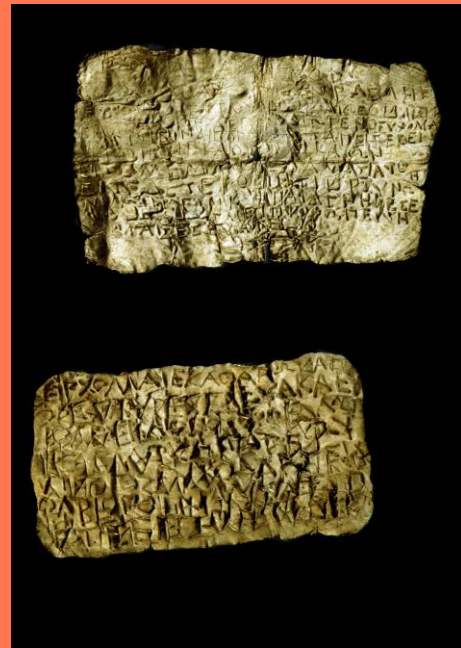
**Zeus impregnates woman,  
however kills her and takes her  
fetus into his thigh to birth  
Dionysus.**

## Orphic Mythology

**Jealous Hera bribes titans to kill  
Dionysus, the gods go to war  
with the Titans, win and Zeus  
takes Dionysus's heart into his  
thigh to be reborn.**



# Orphic Artifacts



# Birthplace of Orphism,

## Athens

Papyrus hexameter  
poems describe  
Orphism to be six  
centuries old

