

Classical Mythology Exam Review

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The exam is to be held on Wednesday, December 5, at 1:30-4:30pm, in 4M31.

- The first section of the exam will consist of a host of short answer questions for which you might, for example, have to match points from two columns, or answer multiple choice questions. This will occupy 40% of the exam.
- The second section of the exam will consist of quotations and images, ancient and modern, which will test your basic familiarity of the myths and texts we have covered. You will have to identify the various references included in the passages/images, and in some cases explain them. This will occupy 40% of the exam.
- The third section of the exam will consist of long answer questions. You might, for example, be given a scenario and be asked to find a solution using examples from myth. This will occupy 20% of the exam.

NOTE:

- Ultimately, the exam is not cumulative, as you can see below
- use your lecture notes and the slides
- use theoi.com to fill in the pieces
- be prepared to be asked about the course readings (Homer's *Odyssey*, Ovid's *Metamorphoses*)

Select Key Topics

Dionysus

- myth of Dionysus' birth, his historical origins, his nature, and his worship
 - Semele
- Dionysus and his worship in Euripides' *Bacchae*
- Dionysus & Apollo
- Dionysus & Ariadne
- Midas, Silenus, the Golden Touch
- Pan and Echo
- Echo & Narcissus

Artemis

- births of Artemis and Apollo
- Niobe & her children

- Actaeon
- Callisto & Arcas
- Orion
- character, appearance, and origins of Artemis
- Artemis vs. Aphrodite in Euripides' Hippolytus.

Apollo

- Apollo & Delphi
- Pythia
- Cassandra
- Daphne
- Coronis
 - a. Asclepius
- Alcestis of Euripides
- Apollo and Marsyas
- Apollo and Pan
- Nature of Apollo

Underworld

- Ovid's Metamorphoses
- Orpheus & Eurydice
- Accounts of the underworld (Homer, Vergil, Plato)
- The sinners
- Geography – Tartarus, Elysian fields

Heroes/Sagas

- The hero is saga & folktale
- Bellerophon
- Meleager
- Atalanta
- Gilgamesh & Enkidu
- Humbaba,
- Ishtar and the bull of heaven
- Ut-napishtim

Perseus

- Graeae
- Medusa – gorgons
- Andromeda

Jason & Medea

- Golden Fleece
- Jason, Aeson, & Pelias
- Voyage of the Argonauts
- Hypsipyle, Harpies, clashing rocks, etc.
- Colchis – deeds & the dragon/serpent
- The return
- Medea scorned

Heracles

- Amphitryon, Alcmena, Zeus
- Madness of Heracles
- 12 labours/athloi
- Heracles the avenger
- The death of Heracles – Nessus, Deianira, Iole

Theseus

- Labours of Theseus (6)
- Bull of Marathon
- Pasiphae
- King Minos & the Minotaur
- Daedalus & Icarus
- Theseus & Ariadne
- Other myths of Theseus

Oedipus & Thebes

- Oedipus, Laius, Jocasta/Iocasta
- The Sphinx & the riddle
- Antigone

Trojan War & the Odyssey

- Sack of Troy – death of Achilles, wooden horse
- The Aeneid – Aeneas' escape from Troy
- Agamemnon, Clytemnestra, Iphigenia
- Orestes, Electra
- Odyssey – life of Odysseus
- Final episode of Netflix's Troy – reception of the war