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Are there any mythological mirrors in folklore?

i am trying to base an object in a story im writing on a mirror that's magic. does anyone know any in folklore?

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Qiatta answered 5 years ago

Hi ;)

In mythology:

- 1. Tezcatlipoca, a mexica god. His name means "smoking mirror".
- 2. Yata no kagami. This is a sacred/magic mirror from Japan. The myth says that it was used to lure goddess Amaterasu out of the cave she locked herself in (you can google the whole myth, it's worth it).
- 3. There were "magical mirrors" in China, I think from the Han dynasty. They were made of cupper and had patterns carved that were used to trick peasants.
- 4. In Chinese mythology, the goddess Tien-Mu uses two mirrors to

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create lightening.
5. Also, there are the chinese Pakua. They are magical mirror that repel ghosts, demons and bad luck.

In popular culture:

- 1. In Harry Potter there is the mirror of Erised, the one that appears in he first book and that shows what a person wants the most.
- 2. In Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Beast has this mirror that can show the person whatever he/she asks the mirror to show.
- 3. In LoTR, the first movie, Galadriel has a pool that shows the future.
- 4. Another HP mirror: in the 5th book, twin mirrors appear. Sirius has one and gives the other to Harry. The person holding one of the mirrors just had to say the name of the holder of the other mirror, and the two people would be able to see and talk to each other.
- 5. There was this cartoon my little cousin watched (in my room ⇄⇄) all the time. There was a demon girl dressed in blue who owned a mirror that was like a portal to her mind.

That's all I can think of. Will you post your story after you finish it?
:)

Asker's rating & comment

was very insightful and helpful,like the research was done! promise once it's done i'll post it!

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RaTz answered 5 years ago
The Witch's mirror in Snow White..."Mirror, mirror on the wall, etc."

Oh, and there's the Alice sequel "Through the Looking Glass" where she passes through a mirror into an alternate reality.

eta: And speaking of Greek mythology, you could also use the reflection in the water w/ Narcissus.

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