
Write a Myth

Myths are stories that include gods and heroes. They often explained something about the world to the people of long ago – perhaps how something in the world began or was created. Follow these instructions to prepare for writing your own myth **in the style of the ancient Greek and Roman myths**. For example, you could explain the changing of night into day, how thunder and lightning came to be, or simply *create your own idea*. The choice is yours!

Your myth MUST INCLUDE :

- ✓ At least one **protagonist** (main character / hero or heroine)
- ✓ At least one **god or goddess**
- ✓ An **introduction** which includes **setting**
- ✓ **Conflict** and/or an **antagonist**
 - May or may not be a creature. Could be a god, other human character, or circumstances.
- ✓ **Dialogue** - Characters speaking to each other / properly punctuated
- ✓ An **explanation of something in nature or a natural event**
- ✓ A **resolution** / ending
- ✓ A **theme** / lesson to be learned
 - Inferred by the reader but **NOT** stated directly by the writer. That's you!

Your myth SHOULD ALSO :

- Flow naturally and in an **order / sequence that makes sense**
- **Describe** the settings, characters, and actions by considering the five senses – what would things look like, sound like, taste like, feel like, or smell like? Don't describe things with all five senses all the time, just as it makes sense to do so.
- Use **precise word choices** – use the exact word you mean and **NOT** a general word like it. (Try to get the reader to picture in their minds what you are imagining in yours. For example, instead of writing "The hero *said* to the monster . . ." write something more like "The hero *called out* to the monster . . .")
- Use appropriate **transition words** between sentences and paragraphs.
Remember: Whenever a new character, location, or action comes along, you'll likely need to make a new paragraph. Don't forget to indent!

Starting Your Myth: The first sentences

Choose the **ONE** idea below that makes sense for your story's beginning . . .

1. Begin with a description of the setting **OR**
2. Begin with a description of the protagonist or another main character **OR**
3. Begin with a description of the situation

ABCs of Ancient Greece: Planning Sheet

Name: _____

Word

Importance to Ancient Greece

A or B		
C		
D		
E		
F or G		
H		
I or J		
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N or O		
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Q or R		
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History of Ancient Rome

Legions carried battle equipment like long spears into battle.



Legions
Rome reorganized troops into smaller groups called legions to break enemy lines.



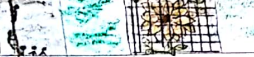
Spartacus
One of the most famous stories is about the slave rebel, Spartacus.



Forum
At the center of Rome as a form of entertainment there was a forum or marketplace.



Mosaics
Romans cut small pieces of glass or stone and placed them into patterns to form pictures.



Tiber River
The Tiber River is what Rome is built on.



Aqueduct
Rome made Aqueducts to transport water to the city.



Gladiators
Romans sent gladiators to fight each other to the death.



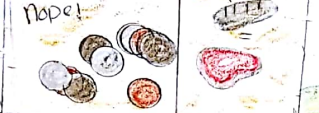
Nero
Nero was a cruel leader he killed his mother and his two wives, eventually he committed suicide.



Uranus
Uranus was the titan of the sky, and the father of most titans.



Barter
Bartering was basically exchanging goods without currency or money.



Hannibal
Hannibal was Rome's greatest general.



Octavian
Octavian was Caesar's grandnephew who had inherited Caesar's wealth and two of his generals.



Venus
Venus was the goddess of beauty and love. They named her Venus because the planet looked beautiful from earth.



Colosseum
The area in which gladiators fought were called colosseums.



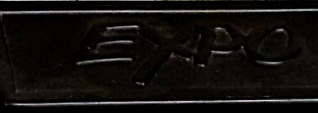
Julius Caesar
Julius Caesar helped develop Rome to what a great city it was.



Pax Romana
Pax Romana was an era of peace that lasted through 180 A.D.



Weapons
The long point at the end of a spear was made to bend after its been thrown so enemies couldn't pick up their nails.



Dictator
Dictators were temporary emergency leaders.



Kitchen
Rome dried out its herbs and vegetables so it was easy to store.



Romulus
Romulus was supposed to be the founder of Rome, he had a brother named Remus.



Zama
The battle of Zama claim Spain and western Mediterranean. But they had to give up their nails.

