

Mythology Syllabus - Quarter 2 2019

Teacher: Mr. Clark

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Class Schedule: 1:50-3:20 p.m. M-TR, 2:00-3:20 F, Room 241

Course Description:

What can you learn about people from the stories they tell? In this class, you will learn about the worlds of the ancient Greeks, Egyptians, and the Vikings through a study of the myths that each culture preserved and retold throughout the generations.

You will become familiar with the worlds of Zeus, Ra, and Thor through a mixture of reading, play-acting, discussion, art, and other creative projects, with a focus on drawing connections between the myths told by each culture and what it means to be human, even in today's world.

Units of Study:

- Greek Mythology
- Egyptian Mythology
- Norse Mythology

Grading Policy:

Class Work/Homework	40%
Weekly Quizzes	30%
Class Discussion/Participation:	20%
Final Exam:	10%

The grading scale used will be:

- A = 90% and up
- B = 89% - 80%
- C = 79% - 70%
- D = 69% - 60%
- F = 59% and lower

- An “A” grade on an assignment means that you fully understood the subject and went above and beyond in your effort.
- A “B” grade on an assignment means that you mostly understood the subject and showed a strong effort.
- A “C” grade on an assignment means that you somewhat understood the subject and displayed average effort.
- A “D” grade on an assignment means you don’t quite understand the subject yet or that your effort could have been stronger.
- A “F” grade on an assignment means that you don’t understand the subject yet or that your effort could have been much stronger.

Classroom Procedures:

- **Entering the classroom:** Please wait until I am at the door to greet you before you enter the room. Once you’re inside, head to your seat and take out any homework that is due. Then, turn in your homework and head back to your seat so that I can take attendance.
- **Giving instructions:** I will count down from 3 on my fingers when I need your attention. By the time I am finished counting down, please finish your conversations and be ready to listen to my directions.
- **Speaking in class:** Please raise your hand and wait to be called on before sharing your thoughts.
- **Discussion:** Please talk at a reasonable volume so that every group can hear. Listen respectfully to all speakers in the classroom. Please use respectful language at all times.
- **Turning in work:** Homework is due at the beginning of class on the assigned due date and should be put in the homework folder on the corner of my desk.
- **Absences:** Please see me when you get back to school if you are ever absent to see what you missed. You have two days for every day you miss to make up your work after an excused absence.
- **Tardies:** If you are ever late, please come in quietly and try to get started and then see me later to find out what you missed. Parents and administrators will be informed of repeated tardies per school policy.
- **Late Work:** Late assignments will not be accepted for credit. If an emergency prevents you from finishing your work on time, please email me and ask for an extension.
- **Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is using someone else’s work without giving them credit. Plagiarism does not help you learn and will not be tolerated. Do not copy another student’s work, use internet sources without attribution, or let another student copy your work. The minimum consequence for plagiarism is loss of credit for that assignment and an email sent home.
- **Food/Drink:** Water bottles with a closable lid are allowed. Please don’t eat or drink other food or liquids in class without permission.
- **Restrooms:** Give me a “thumbs up” to ask to go to the bathroom. When I give you the “thumbs up” back, please sign out using the sheet by the door and then sign in again when you return.

- **Electronic Devices:** Please put your cellphone in the assigned pocket on the hanger on the wall and do not use it during class unless I give you permission.
- **Dismissal:** Please wait until I tell you to write down your homework and pack up, then quietly pack up your supplies and sit at your desk until I dismiss you.
- **Contact:** The best way to reach me is through email (jclark@jajags.com). I can also be reached by phone at (303) 465-7647 and am available to meet individually before or after school by appointment.

Classroom Rules and Behavior Policy:

1. Be in your seat with your required materials out when the bell rings.
2. Please work at your desk until asked to move.
3. Please do not talk while someone else is addressing the class.
4. Follow all directions the first time they are given.
5. Do not use cellphones or other electronic devices during class unless directed to do so.

Consequence Scale:

- 1st mistake: Verbal warning/discussion
- 2nd mistake: Complete an individual action plan to prevent further infractions.
- 3rd mistake: Assignment to lunch detention or Friday school and parents/guardians contacted.
- Repeated mistakes: Individual conference with parents/guardians and administrators to develop an individual behavior plan.

Rewards for Exceptional Positive Behavior:

- Verbal praise (daily)
- Opportunity to earn 10 minutes of game time (Fridays)
- Raise-a-grade coupon (once per semester)

Required Materials:

- A 3-ring binder
- A spiral notebook
- Daily JA Jags planner
- Pencil or blue/black pen
- A laptop computer

Contact Information and Acknowledgement:

-I have read and understand Mr. Clark's class policies and procedures for Mythology.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Please fill out the info below to ensure I have your correct contact information:

Parent Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone # _____ Parent Phone #: _____

Parent Email _____ Parent Email: _____