

Students as Mythmakers

You've read numerous stories from Greek mythology, including *Heracles*, *Echo & Narcissus*, *Pandora*, and more. To demonstrate your understanding of Greek mythology and epic heroism, your job is to write a myth explaining how something was created (**explanation myth**) or create a story full of action that teaches a lesson (**adventure myth**). Moreover, your myth must include the following criteria:

- 5+ paragraphs long, or 25+ sentences in length
- A title
- Epic hero as your main character (created in class using the "Hero's Journey" website)
- Inclusion of 2+ Greek gods & goddesses
- At least 3 literary devices, LABELED in parentheses after each use
 - Options include: personification, simile, metaphor, alliteration, onomatopoeia, dramatic irony, hyperbole
- Examples of the following sentence types, LABELED in parenthesis at least once:
 - C = compound
 - CX = complex
 - CC = compound complex



Use the following steps to begin creating your myth. Then, fill out the brainstorm sheet attached.

- 1. Choose a main character.** Use your "Hero's Adventure" character we created in class OR create new character. Either way, make sure your main character meets the ideals of an epic hero.
- 2. Create a conflict.** What challenges will your character have to face? How will they overcome these challenges? What will be the climax or turning point of your story?
- 3. Develop a plot.** In what order will the events happen? Map the plotline out before you start writing. Be sure to use details to support your story.
- 4. Decide on a setting.** Where is your story going to take place? How will you describe it?