

## Course Outline for:

### Mythology (online)

<b>Grade Levels:</b>	9-12	
<b>Assignments:</b>	36 Lessons (online)	<b>Credits:</b> 10
<b>UC a-g Requirements:</b>	none (meets graduation requirement)	
<b>Instructional Materials:</b>	online	

#### **Course Description**

Mythology begins with Native American lore, Chinese tales, Russian myths, Middle Eastern tales, thematic myths, tales from England, and Celtic myths; it then shifts to Greek mythology. Students learn about the Olympian gods and goddesses, about mythical creatures and are introduced to the major Greek hero stories. The fall of Troy, the adventures of Odysseus and the fates of various tragic Greek heroes conclude the survey.

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Students discover a wide array of classical Greek and Roman mythology
- Students learn the historical value of mythology
- Students are introduced to heroes and other characters who are commonly referenced throughout both literature and colloquial language
- Students understand the common social implications of different myths and folklore
- Students read a variety of myth from non-classical sources and regions
- Students gain experience writing allegorical stories and biographical myths
- Students learn to recognize the importance of imagery, symbolism, and allegory in mythology
- Students learn to associate characters with particular human traits or tendencies within myths
- Students demonstrate a grasp of the meanings of myths and stories

#### **Course Outline**

**Lesson 1: Native-American Lore**

- A) Overview of the diversity of mythology
- B) Two Native American myths
- C) Write your own myth

**Lesson 2: Chinese Tales**

- A) Two Chinese myths
- B) Write your own myth

**Lesson 3: Russian Myths**

- A) A Russian story about love
- B) Write your own story about love

**Lesson 4: Middle Eastern Tales**

- A) Tale about an evil wizard
- B) Write a tale with an unhappy ending

**Lesson 5: Reading Mythology**

- A) Read a variety of myths [grouped by theme]
- B) Writing assignment: compare & contrast

**Lesson 6: Tales from England**

- A) Two stories from England - questions/responses
- B) Write your own myth

**Lesson 7: Celtic Myths**

- A) Research assignment: Celtic culture
- B) Outline of research - questions

**Lesson 8: Celtic Myths, cont.**

- A) Write & complete your original myth - submit
- B) Response questions

**Lesson 9: Intro to Greek & Roman Mythology**

- A) Overview - site links for Greek & Roman authors
- B) Assignment: brief synopses of each author
- C) Questions

**Lesson 10: Creation & the Battle for the Throne**

- A) Gods & creatures of Greek creation mythology - The Olympians - questions
- B) Zeus - theogony - questions

**Lesson 11: Tales of the Titanic**

- A) The Titans
- B) Write your own myth about one of the Titans - response questions

**Lesson 12: Olympus Under Zeus**

- A) The 1<sup>st</sup> of the Olympian Gods
- B) Greek & Roman counterparts - questions
- C) Create your own Olympian drama

**Lesson 13: Olympus Under Zeus, cont.**

- A) Creation myth - questions
- B) Zeus - Poseidon - Medusa - questions
- C) Hades - the Goddesses - assignment: write brief biographies of Gods/Goddesses/Titans
- D) Write an original myth
- E) Write a summary of a myth
- F) Assignment: casting agent for a Greek myth-play

**Lesson 14: Other Olympian Gods**

- A) Athena - questions
- B) Hephaestus - questions
- C) Ares - questions
- D) Writing assignment: write your own myth

**Lesson 15: Other Olympian Gods, cont.**

- A) Aphrodite - questions
- B) Artemis & Apollo - questions
- C) Hermes - questions
- D) The Odyssey & Harmonia - questions

**Lesson 16: Mythical Creatures**

- A) Helios - Selene & Eos - Pan
- B) Hemi-Semi-Demi Deities - Satyrs - Sirens - Nymphs - questions
- C) Mythical monsters: Nemean Lion, etc - write brief descriptions of each
- D) Create your own mythical creature

**Lesson 17: Mythological Creatures**

- A) Pegasus - Centaurs - The Sirens - The Hydra
- B) Write a myth of the creation of a God or Goddess
- C) Write a creation myth of a creature

**Lesson 18: Semester Report**

- A) Choose topic
- B) Research & rough draft

**Lesson 19: Semester Report, cont.**

- A) Write & turn in final report

**Lesson 20: Dionysus; Eat, Drink, & Be Merry!**

- A) Biography of Dionysus
- B) Write a story detailing your own ritual thanking Dionysus

**Lesson 21: Everyone Needs A Hero**

- A) Overview of Greek heroes - questions
- B) Write your own [autobiographical] account of a heroic adventure

**Lesson 22: Adventures in the Underworld, Part I**

- A) Overview of the Underworld
- B) Persephone - questions
- C) Sisyphus - questions
- D) Write a story about escaping Hades

**Lesson 23: Adventures in the Underworld, Part II**

- A) Tantalus - questions
- B) Orpheus - questions
- C) Mythology of the constellations - write your own constellation myth

**Lesson 24: Hercules, Part I**

- A) Overview of Hercules - questions
- B) The birth of Hercules - write a short story about training a hero in ancient Greece

**Lesson 25: Hercules, Part II**

- A) Overview of Hercules' biography
- B) The Labors of Hercules - reading questions
- C) Extra credit

**Lesson 26: The Adventures of Jason, Medea, & The Argonauts**

- A) Overview of story
- B) Imaginative assignment
- C) More reading - questions

**Lesson 27: The Adventures of Jason, Medea, & The Argonauts**

- A) Continue reading
- B) Reading questions

**Lesson 28: The Adventures of Jason, Medea, & The Argonauts**

- A) Writing assignment
- C) Create outline
- D) Final draft due

**Lesson 29: The Fall of Troy, Part I**

- A) The Trojan War: overview - reading questions
- B) Writing assignment - response

**Lesson 30: The Fall of Troy, Part II**

- A) Reading: The Trojan War, part II
- B) Reading questions
- C) Writing assignment

**Lesson 31: The Journey of Odysseus**

- A) Overview of journey - reading questions

**Lesson 32: Home at Last: Odysseus Part II**

- A) Reading: The Final Fall of Troy
- B) Reading questions

**Lesson 33: Tragic Heroes & Their Fates**

- A) Echo & Narcissus
- B) Greek & Roman names
- C) Writing assignment - response questions

**Lesson 34: Tragic Heroes & Their Fate, part II**

- A) Procris & Cephalus - reading question
- B) Daedalus & Icarus - question
- C) Phaethon - question
- D) Writing assignment

**Lesson 35: All About You!**

- A) Writing assignment: biographical myth
- B) Rough draft due

**Lesson 36: You!**

- A) Final draft due
- B) Survey