TEACHER VERSION · ANSWER KEY

HISTORY · MYTHOLOGY

Journey to Olympus: Gods, heroes and myths



History · Mythology · 5 · ⏱ 29 min

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ **Score: _____ / 10**

💡 Long before science books, the ancient Greeks explained thunder, fire and the seasons with stories. These stories are called myths. Today you become an explorer of Olympus!

🎯 What I will be able to do

⭐ I explain what a myth is and why the ancient Greeks told it.
⭐ I recognise four Olympian gods by their symbol.

📚 Key words

Myth
An old story that explains the world with gods and heroes.

Olympus
Greece's highest mountain, the 'home' of the gods.

Hero
A person of great courage, e.g. Heracles.

Symbol
An object that shows who the god is, e.g. the trident.

🔥 Warm-up

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Answer: E.g. Zeus – thunderbolt, Poseidon – sea, Heracles – strength.

1 Choose

⏱ 3 min

Circle: According to the myth, where was Aphrodite born from the sea foam?

- ○ At Petra tou Romiou, Paphos, Cyprus
- ○ On the top of Olympus
- ○ In a forest in Athens

🤝 **Help:** Reread the key words.

★ **Challenge:** Explain your answer with 'because'.

Answer: At Petra tou Romiou, Paphos, Cyprus

2 Connect

⏱ 5 min

Join each word to its explanation.

Myth	•	•	Greece's highest mountain, the 'home' of the gods.
Olympus	•	•	A person of great courage, e.g. Heracles.
Hero	•	•	An object that shows who the god is, e.g. the trident.
Symbol	•	•	An old story that explains the world with gods and heroes.

🤝 **Help:** Start with the word you know best.

★ **Challenge:** Write a sentence using two of the words.

Answer: See the correct pairs in the teacher edition.

Answer: Myth → An old story that explains the world with gods and heroes. · Olympus → Greece's highest mountain, the 'home' of the gods. · Hero → A person of great courage, e.g. Heracles. · Symbol → An object that shows who the god is, e.g. the trident.

3 Find the mistake

⏱ 5 min

Correct: 'Prometheus stole water from the gods and gave it to the fish'.

🤝 **Help:** Look again at the picture and timeline.

★ **Challenge:** Add one detail you remember.

Answer: Prometheus stole fire from the gods and gave it to people.

4 Complete the table

⏱ 7 min

Write what each god 'looks after' and their symbol.

✏️ **Example:** Zeus · sky, weather · thunderbolt

God/Goddess	What do they look after?	Symbol

🤝 **Help:** Use the key words.

★ **Challenge:** Which value matters most to you today?

Answer: Poseidon · sea · trident. Athena · wisdom · owl/olive. Apollo · music, light · lyre. Aphrodite · love, beauty · dove/shell.

5 Create

⏱ 7 min

Create your own myth! Draw a new god or hero, their symbol, and write what they explain (e.g. why it rains).

🤝 **Help:** Start with a shape and one word.

★ **Challenge:** Write on the back why you chose it.

Answer: Accept any creative idea with a name, a symbol and one thing it explains.

✅ Check before you hand in

- ☐ I connected all four words.
- ☐ I explained at least one value.

🎟 Exit ticket

Why did the ancient Greeks tell myths?

Answer: To explain nature (thunder, fire, seasons) and to teach values like courage and wisdom.

Teacher notes

Timing: 3′ warm-up · 24′ tasks · 2′ exit

Differentiation

- Read instructions aloud and accept oral answers.
- Year 2: handwriting bands. Years 4–6: ask for reasons.

Common errors

- Mixing up dates; show the timeline again.

Marking tips

- Praise reasoning and links to values.