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Sophomore English

Mythology Ultimate Team Webquest



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Introduction

- It's probably been a while since you studied mythology. Despite the fact mythology is really old news (well over a thousand years), it still shapes our world. All literature is full of allusions to Greek, Roman, and Norse Mythology as is the majority of things in your every day lives.



Overview



- Don't believe me when I tell you that mythology is all around? Disney invested millions in animating *Hercules*. Plus, there are several live action movies surrounding him as well as the TV program *Hercules*. Those are adaptations of Greek myths. The planets as well as almost fifty constellations are related to Greek mythology. What about the Nike company? Why Nike? It's Greek mythology! Recite the names of the days of the week . . . they're Norse mythology! What about that pesky tendon that connects to your foot? Your Achilles' heel! Another allusion to Greek mythology!
- Mythology, whether it is Greek, Roman, or Norse, is pretty cool. I mean, come on, people, it is packed full of monsters, the supernatural, and amazing adventures. So, let's refresh your memory of major mythological figures you should know.

Task

- Create the ultimate team of seven figures from Graeco/Roman and Norse mythology that are designed to meet the dynamics of your scenario. Creatively present your team with its snazzy team name (because all heroic teams need a name: Avengers, X-men, Fabulous Four, Legion of Doom...oh, snap, that's a villainous team) to your classmates via a Powerpoint presentation or movie or Prezi, etc., in which all team members participate and cooperatively write a creative story for solving your scenario.



The Scenarios

- Mythology paints powerful figures as worthy of the respect of mankind. Many were considered gods or demi-gods. They were in some pretty unusual and horrific situations, but nothing can compare to "The Twelve Trials." These will be new situations your team must conquer. Remember to follow the heroic journey steps we have been studying as your team solves the problem inherent in the situation you choose.



The Twelve Titanic Trials

- **SCENARIO 1:**

You are the Dread Pirate Roberts -- a real historical figure, by the way. You have been forced to downsize your ship because of the recent recession and now have only room for seven hand-picked crew members. Choose your crew carefully because you have discovered the lost island of Amontillado and its fabulous treasure horde of gold. (By the way, the treasure is guarded by giant Chinese flying dragons and highly trained ninjas.) Who will comprise your crew and how will they help you win this long-lost fortune in gold?

- **SCENARIO 2:**

The hole in the ozone layer has ripped wide open. There is a world-wide famine because the excess sunlight has scorched the planet. To survive, the few remaining leaders have built an undersea world: Nemopolis! Nonetheless, the world is in uproar as the temperature of the oceans is rising and air-conditioning costs in Nemopolis are sky-rocketing. Your team has the challenge of restoring order to Nemopolis, deterring the world-wide famine, and repairing the hole in the ozone layer.

- **SCENARIO 3:**

NASA has received startling news from its deep space probe. A habitable planet has been discovered in the Omega constellation. No one knows if there are current inhabitants or not. Assemble a team that will be equally good at settling this new planet and making it the perfect utopian society if it is vacant of other life forms. On the other hand, the team will also need to be strong negotiators and communicators with any life forms they may find. Assemble the seven-member team and explain the choices; then tell us what happens on this space adventure.

- **SCENARIO 4:**

A gigantic asteroid is headed straight for planet Earth. The situation is desperate and Bruce Willis is on vacation in the Bahamas and can't be reached. Assemble a seven-member team to avert this calamity that threatens the existence of planet Earth. How will they save the day?



The Twelve Titanic Trials cont'd

- **SCENARIO 5:**

In a bizarre development, skunks that have been living too close to nuclear power plants have grown to enormous size and are now menacing the countryside. Find a team that can help deal with this unusually smelly situation. Explain how the team comes out smelling "like a rose."

- **SCENARIO 6:**

Your production company is on the brink of bankruptcy. You need a sure-fire hit on the Broadway musical stage to save your job and keep food on the table for your family. Your supporters have said money is no limit, but you must stage a hit. Assemble the perfect cast and put on your show. Is it an award-winner or a dud?

- **SCENARIO 7:**

In a freak water-skiing accident, seven members of the American basketball dream team are injured. The Olympics is only a month away and the roster spots need to be filled. They need a point guard, shooting guard, power forward, and center as well as some quality backups. Help America keep its Olympic tradition strong. Detail the success of your talented team.

- **SCENARIO 8:**

As an archeologist you have just translated a long lost Celtic fragment that seems to show that the Holy Grail was buried somewhere on St. Andrew's golf course. It would be one of the greatest archeological finds of all time to unearth this relic and may have "miraculous" powers. Assemble a team to find this long lost treasure. By the way, the British Open is being played on the course and could create some crowd control problems. Share the results of your quest!



More Twelve Titanic Trials

- **SCENARIO 9:**

In a strange turn of events, you rescued the Prince of Abministan, a small Middle East emirate. He has granted you a tract of land the size of Tennessee where you can set up your own country. The good news is that oil has recently been discovered there; the bad news is that the terrain is mostly desert and is infested with vipers, terrorists, and rebel troops. What do you do to set up your kingdom?

- **SCENARIO 10:** In a temple in Peru, an ancient text has been uncovered that states specifically the world's Dooms Day: May 31, 2018. However, also within the text is a reference on how to harness the power of the famed Crystal Skull of Avalon, an artifact that most believe was lost during WWII but some think an ancient order hid to keep the Nazis from grabbing it to use in Hitler's bid for world domination. You must find the skull and unlock its secrets before the cataclysmic destruction by the aliens' doomsday device obliterates Earth. Assemble a team to hunt down the skull, unlock its powers, and neutralize the alien doomsday device. Describe your success or failure.

- **SCENARIO 11:**

You are a medieval king. Your castle and estate are under siege by the mighty Futon warriors. The Futon warriors are a barbaric tribe who live by the war cry: "We sleep or we die!" No one has ever repulsed their attacks as they have swept across Europe. You have ample food stores, a powerful army and the help of your team, how do you repulse the barbaric hordes of Futons? Are you successful? Describe the battle's outcome.

- **SCENARIO 12:**

Lake Watauga's green algae has been discovered to have curative, medicinal powers. People from across the world are clamoring for more. Your company has been awarded the patent for this new medicine. Assemble a team to produce, market, and protect this exciting discovery. Share the news of your success or failure. (Remember, the red algae is destructive to the environment and can destroy the growth of the green algae. They keep each other in check in the lake's ecosystem.)

Resources



- To receive full credit, teams must incorporate the use of a number of different types of resources in their project. It is expected that teams will find and cite information from a wide variety of sources including both digital and print resources. Teams will need to consult both the University School Media Center Reference Section (Mrs. Knight is a phenomenal reference source!) and the Mrs. Johnson's English Reserve Shelf as well as a selection of internet sites listed on the Resource Page linked to this Web Quest.

Resource Links



- Click on each link to reach the various internet resources.
- The Resource Page:
https://fvlweb.fvlhs.org/english/honorseng/myth_web_quest/Mythology%20Resource%20Page.htm
- The Greek and Roman Name Page:
https://fvlweb.fvlhs.org/english/honorseng/myth_web_quest/Graeco_Roman_Names.htm

Steps You Must Take

- **STEP 1:** Create your Web Quest team. Teams must be 3-4 members -- create your own teams or Mrs. Johnson will create them for you.
- **STEP 2:** Your Web Quest team chooses and receives its adventure scenario.
- **STEP 3:** On Day 1, your Web Quest team will do basic research on 48 important Graeco/Roman or Norse mythological figures. [See Mythological Figures Sheet.](#)
- **STEP 4:** After cutting the list to 24 possible team members, the Web Quest team will divide these remaining gods/goddesses so that each team member will create a one-page Dossier (or Fact Sheet) on several figures from both Norse & Graeco-Roman mythology. [See Dossier Sheet.](#)
- **STEP 5:** EACH TEAM MEMBER will research the information needed to fully complete their assigned Dossiers. To receive full credit, each team member must . . .
 - -- find a suitable image FOR EACH DOSSIER.
 - -- use a different resource FOR EACH DOSSIER. (You must use a mix of web and print!)
 - -- create THEIR OWN Works Cited page formatted to MLA standards to complete their project.
- **NOTE:** [See Daily Instruction Sheet](#) for specific instructions. (The Dossiers & Works Cited Page are handed in on the day of your team's presentation and represents individual portion of your grade.)
- **STEP 6:** Using your Web Quest team's 24 Mythological Dossiers, each team will meet to decide on the final members of their Mythological Ultimate Team. To do this, team members will need to narrow their 24 dossiers to the seven "best" -- 4 Graeco/Roman and 3 Norse -- to cover your adventure scenario.
- **STEP 7:** Together your Web Quest team will create and share a digital presentation (MS PowerPoint, Keynote, Google Slides, Prezi, etc.) that details your Mythological Ultimate Team and how your team used the talents/attributes of your team members to meet the specifics of your chosen scenario. [See Presentation Guide Sheet.](#) (The digital presentation represents the basis of your team's group grade.)

Evaluation



Grades for this project will be awarded both as an individual and as a team. The project is worth 250 points. Major elements considered in the final grades will include . . .

- **Leadership/Participation in the WebQuest Team presentation project. (Group grade)**
- **Accuracy and completeness of the information of the Dossier files & required bibliography. (Individual grade)**
- **Timeliness of meeting WebQuest deadlines. (Individual & Group grade)**
- **Following directions carefully and completing each step of the process. (Individual & Group grade)**
- **The creativity and completeness of the team's presentation. (Group grade)**

Click to view the [Presentation Rubric](#):

Extra Credit

Your Web Quest team may receive a bonus grade by creating a set of 12 new, fun scenarios to be used in future versions of this project. The scenarios are to be creative and fun. Submit this extra credit project on a separate sheet set up according to the standard paper submission guidelines. Be sure to list the names of all Team members who created your scenario listing. This extension assignment will count 15 points.

