

Department: English

Course Name: This Course is Lit(erature for the Gods)

Course Description:

Discover the magic of myths in this engaging 8th grade English elective! Students will explore mythological stories from around the world, uncovering their themes, symbols, and cultural significance. Through reading and discussion, we'll dive into the heroes, gods, and monsters that have shaped storytelling for centuries. Students will then craft their own original myths, using classic elements and creative writing techniques. This course blends reading, analysis, and imagination to bring ancient tales to life—and inspire new ones.

Content:

Greek Mythology

Class Discussions

Written Response to Literature

Small Group Discussions

Literary Elements and Application

Text Annotation

Skills:

Reading analysis

Analyze theme of myths

Cite strong textual evidence to support analysis and opinions

Identify symbols and explain their meanings

Explain the cultural significance

Engage and respond appropriately to informal class discussions and question/answer sessions

Express an understanding and analysis of class readings through written response

Methods of Instruction:

Methods of Evaluation:

Quizzes

Projects/Presentations

Written Response

Discussion Participation