



## Myth Creative Writing Task - 1<sup>st</sup> Year

Having read a variety of myths, it is now time to try and **write your own**.

Your myth must be **at least seven paragraphs** long. It should be set in an Ancient Civilization of your choice. (It may be a good idea to set your myth in the Ancient Civilisation you did your earlier project about)

Your myth should contain a variety of characters including **at least one god or goddess from the civilization** you choose to write about.

Like Anthony Horowitz, you could choose to include some humour in your myth.

Your myth could try to explain some natural phenomena - e.g. why it snows, why it gets dark at night, why rain falls, why leaves are green; why some trees lose their leaves and others do not; etc.

You must decide whether your myth will have a happy or sad ending.

### **Writing Stages**

**Stage 1** - Work out your main ideas using a spider diagram. Using this, decide whether your myth will be romantic or violent or both. Will it explain an aspect of nature the way "The Seven Pomegranate Seeds" explained why we have winter? What will your main storyline be? It is advisable to have your beginning, middle and end planned before you begin writing.

**Stage 2**- What god or goddess will you include? Again, you may wish to refer back to your research project for this one. Your story should contain descriptions of your characters so in your plan, you should list all the characters you intend to include and come up with a list of adjectives and similes to describe them.

**Stage 3** - You are now ready to begin writing your myth.

While writing, it is important to remember all the techniques we have discussed for making your writing more interesting, as there will be marks allocated for these as well as for the originality and creativity of your story. The checklist below should help.

### **Your story must:**

- Contain capital letters and full stops where they should be.
- Have most spellings correct (use a dictionary is necessary)
- Use adjectives to describe your main characters.

### **Your story should:**

- Use apostrophes appropriately and accurately, (go over the rules if you have to)
- Use commas and speech marks properly.
- Use similes and metaphors to describe your characters.

### **Your story could:**

- Include a vivid description of your setting.
- Describe your characters emotions as well as their appearance.
- Surprise your reader in some way with a twist in the plot!

## Peer assessment task:

**Each marker must mark your myth out of a total of 50, allocating 10 marks for each section.**

Name of marker:

Imagination \_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_

Full stops, Capital letters and Spellings

Apostrophe and sentence starters \_\_\_\_\_

Variety of complex sentences \_\_\_\_\_

Total

Name of marker:

Imagination \_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_

Full stops, Capital letters and Spellings

Apostrophes and sentence starters \_\_\_\_\_

Variety of complex sentences \_\_\_\_\_

Total

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Variety of complex sentences \_\_\_\_\_

Total

Average Percentage % (Add the 4 totals up and divide by two to get you percentage and grade)