



YEAR 7 HISTORY ASSESSMENT TASK

ANCIENT SOCIETIES

ANCIENT GREECE

DATE DUE:

Friday 29th August 2003 Before 9.00am. Place in the HSIE Faculty Assessment box.

TASK:

To write an Ancient Myth based on the Greek gods and heroes.

Using the names and descriptions of some of the Greek gods, heroes and heroines, create a myth of your own. You should use the same style as the ancient myths and only use the correct names and places that would have been used by the Ancient Greeks.

LENGTH:

Your story should be between 500 and 600 words.

PRESENTATION:

Type the story in double spacing on plain paper then illustrate the story with a picture that shows the most interesting part of your story.

ADVICE:

- To write an Ancient Mythological story you should write as if you are the person from the time you are creating the story about. Use the present tense in your writing and make sure your work does not include modern technology, attitudes or language.
- In your writing you need to **EXPLAIN**- which means telling how or why something happens. Here are some ideas on what you might explain;
 - What is the name of the god or gods you came across?
 - What is the task set for you by the gods?
 - How did you meet the god?
- You will also need to **DESCRIBE** - which means you should provide characteristics or features. Here are some ideas on what you might describe:
 - What does the god you are dealing with look like?
 - What is the area you have to go to and what sort of dangers face you there?
 - If there is a monster, what does it look like/act like?



OUTCOMES BEING ASSESSED:

These are the NSW Board of Studies Outcomes that we are expected to focus upon in our assessment of your knowledge and ability.

M4.12 – . plans and conducts simple historical research in structured situations for specific purposes.

M4.13 – uses appropriate written, oral and graphic forms to communicate clearly for specific purposes to familiar audiences in structured situations

INTERNET SITES THAT MAY BE OF USE

<http://www.messagenet.com/myths/immortals.html>

<http://www.mythweb.com/>

<http://www.joeant.com/DIR/info/get/4385/23759>

<http://www.powerweb.net/teamstortz/greekmythology/home.htm>

http://www.1000dictionaries.com/greece3.html#greek_gods



COMMON ELEMENTS OF GREEK MYTHOLOGY



MYTHS are traditional stories that try to explain natural happenings. They are often invented stories that have an element of GODS and GODDESSES.

MYTHS also have a HERO or HEROINE who represent humans (these may be rich or poor, common or royal, super strong or beautiful)

MYTHS generally have some sort of difficult test or TRIAL that our hero or heroine has to perform so that the gods will be pleased.

Some gods and goddesses make terrible things happen to the heroes and heroines in order to test them further while other goddesses or gods may take pity on the hero or heroine and try to help them pass the impossible test that has been set for them.

The heroes or heroines had to pass the test by showing great bravery as well as brains, they often had to solve a puzzle or design a way to get around what looks like an impossible situation. They then had to fight against terrible creatures or an enemy that greatly outnumbered them to pass the test that the gods had set them.

