

Ancient Greek Myths: The 12 Olympian Gods (and Some Others)



Aphrodite / Venus
Goddess of love.

The Titans

(Uranus, Gaea, Cronus, Rhea, etc.)



Demeter / Ceres
Goddess of agriculture.
Think, "cereal."



Poseidon / Neptune
God of the sea.



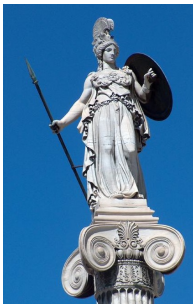
Zeus / Jupiter
King of the gods.
God of thunder.



Hera / Juno
Goddess of marriage
and family.



Hermes / Mercury
Messenger of the gods.
God of business
and thieves.



Athena / Minerva
Goddess of
wisdom and
strategy



Apollo / Apollo
God of the sun
and poetry



Artemis / Diana
Goddess of the
moon and the hunt



Dionysus / Bacchus
God of wine



Ares / Mars
God of war



Hephaestus / Vulcan
God of fire
and the forge.

Orion and the Scorpion

(オリオンと大サソリ)

One day, Artemis, the goddess of the moon and hunting, and the master hunter Orion were hunting. Proud of his ability, Orion boasted, "I can kill anything that comes from the Earth! Nothing can defeat me! Hahaha!"

Gaea, who is Mother Earth, heard Orion. She did not like his boasting, so she decided to teach him a lesson. Gaea sent a huge scorpion to attack Orion.

Orion and the scorpion fought hard. The scorpion stung Orion. The master hunter hit the scorpion with all his strength and killed it, but it was too late. The scorpion's poison killed Orion.

Artemis was sad that her hunting partner had died. So she asked her father, Zeus, to put Orion into the sky forever. Zeus did so, and he also turned the scorpion into stars.

Even now, we can look up and see Orion and the scorpion in the night sky. Orion and the scorpion still don't like each other, so when one comes out, the other one hides!

proud of ~

(~を) 誇りに思う

to boast 自慢する

teach (someone) a

lesson 思い知らせ

る、こらしめる

to sting (昆虫が

○○を)刺す

Echo the Nymph

(ニンフのエコー)

Zeus was always cheating on his wife, Hera. When Zeus went to visit some nymphs in the mountains, the nymph named Echo would entertain Hera with amusing stories so that she would not realize what her husband was doing. But one day, Hera discovered Echo and Zeus' trick. Hera punished Echo with a curse. From then, Echo could only repeat words that others had spoken.

Echo spent her days walking the Earth. She met and fell in love with the beautiful youth Narcissus, but he ignored her. She repeated his words until she wasted away and became nothing but a voice.

Even now, if you go to some forests or mountains and yell out, Echo will repeat your words.

cheat on

(someone) 浮気

する

nymph ニンフ

(海・川・山・森
などに住む美しい
精霊)

to discover

発見する

curse 呪い

waste away

やつれ衰える

H24 Term 3 Lesson 3: Ancient Greek Myths

Time	What
1 min.	Greeting
3 mins.	Introduction Part 4 of Lesson 9 of <i>Prominence</i> ends with the thought, “Writers and other artists have always drawn inspiration from the night sky.” This “inspiration” is found in ancient Greek myths about the stars. We will read two Greek myths: one that explains the constellations Orion and Scorpio, and another that explains echoes. First, we must learn who some of the Greek gods were.
5 mins.	The Olympians On the handout, the original Greek names of the gods are written in bold, and the names the Romans later gave to those same gods are written in <i>italics</i> . Right now, the only ones to remember are Gaea, Zeus, Hera, and Artemis. The rest are for reference only.
15 mins.	<p>Orion and the Scorpion First, look over the vocabulary. Then ALT will read the story as students listen. After, ALT and JTE take turns asking these comprehension questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why did Gaea send a scorpion to attack Orion? 2. What did Artemis ask Zeus to do? <p>ALT will show a diagram showing the movements of Orion and Scorpio relative to each other. (Scorpio sets when Orion rises, and vice versa.)</p> <p>IF we can finish the above in 10 minutes, then we’ll have students read the story. Ask for 5 volunteers, one for each paragraph. They should read in loud voices, and pay attention to punctuation marks. (Stopping for periods, pausing for commas, etc.)</p>
15 mins.	<p>Echo the Nymph Proceed the same way as with the previous story. Comprehension questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why did Echo tell Hera interesting stories? 2. What curse did Hera put on Echo? 3. Echo’s name is used as an English word. What do you think “echo” means?
10 mins.	Explanation of the Homework: Presentations ♪ See the homework sheet for details. This explanation will happen 11 minutes before the end of class even if the previous activities are unfinished.
1 min.	Finish