

Project: Lesser Known Myths

For this project you will be researching a myth that is not widely known and then present your research in one of the given formats.

- I. First choose either a Love **OR** a Morality Myth from the following list:

Love Myths	Morality Myths
Pyramus and Thisbe	Midas
Echo and Narcissus	Arachne
Cupid and Psyche	Procrustes
Baucis and Philemon	Pandora
Apollo and Daphne	Bellerophon
Hades and Persephone	Icarus

- II. Research the myth thoroughly and compile a works cited of every resource you use, including images. You may use as many resources as you can find, but your works cited (please use the MLA style) must include **AT LEAST** three websites and one book. Plagiarism of any kind is unacceptable and will **NOT** be tolerated.
- III. When you have completed your research, you should be able to retell the myth from memory in great detail. When you are prepared, select ONE of the following formats to display your newfound knowledge:

Picture Collage	Must include at least TEN images representing the characters or themes in your myth.
Illustrated Children's Book	Must include at least TEN pages and retell your myth in a child-friendly way.
Original or Traced Drawings	Must include at least FIVE drawings related to the characters or themes in your myth.
Original Cartoon	Must include at least FIVE panels and show the value of your myth to the modern day.
Original Poem or Song	Must include at least TWENTY lines related to the characters or the moral of your myth.
PowerPoint Presentation	Must include at least TEN slides analyzing the characters and importance of your myth.
Mosaic	Must FILL an 8x11 ½ paper but can be no larger. Image needs represent something happening in the myth. Must be made up of smaller pieces of paper.

***Original** = You have done it. Not something your friend has done and not from the internet.

- IV. Write one to two paragraphs explaining how your project relates to the myth you chose. Be as specific as possible.

Grading Rubric

20 Pts	Displays a thorough understanding of the characters. Gives a physical description of the characters using vivid adjectives. Describes the personality of the characters using vivid adjectives. Includes the characters' important relationships with other deities (family members, friends, enemies, etc.).
20 Pts	Shows understanding of the character's personality and relationships. Shows the character's personality through words and actions. Shows the character's relationships with other characters. Explains the character's reason for fighting for his side.
20 Pts	Displays a thorough understanding of the myth and its purpose. Provides an easy to follow plot summary. Explains the moral of the myth (for morality myths). Explains what originates from the myth (for love myths). States the myth's author, if known.
20 Pts	Explains the usage of the myth in the modern world. Words derived from the myth or its characters Allusions in literature, art, movies, music, etc. Comparable myths/stories from other cultures
10 Pts	Includes a complete, organized works cited. Credits all sources of information and graphics. Uses at least one book and three internet sources.
10 Pts	Includes a paragraph explaining the project's relevance to the myth. Header includes student's name, date, and chosen myth.
	<i>Up to 10 bonus points for extraordinary creativity or effort</i>
100 Points	TOTAL GRADE