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Mythology Research

What is the name (correctly spelled) of the mythological character you are researching?

What is the correct pronunciation of the character's name?

(Use quasi-phonetic spelling. For example, the name Penelope would be Pen-EL-o-PEE; Proserpina would be Pross-ER-pin-UH.)

In your own words, summarize the information about the myth that you will share with the class when it is your turn to do your presentation.

Comparison: If your topic is a hero, read the story of another hero and write a short comparison. (What do the heroes and their stories have in common?) If your topic is a story or quest, look for other similar myths and compare them. (Find common plots and themes.) If your topic isn't a character with human qualities--e.g., oracles, rivers, monsters--think about what role it played for the ancient Greeks and determine what plays that role for us today; compare the cultures.

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The following questions cannot be answered by looking in books or on the Internet. Use your own critical thinking skills to find similarities and differences between the myth you are researching and other myths or the modern world.

How is the myth you are researching similar to other myths or familiar stories?

Why is your myth a significant figure in Greek Mythology? What role did it play for the ancient Greeks? What phenomenon did it explain? What characteristic did it embody?

How do we see the personality/influence of your myth in modern culture, literature, or entertainment?

How does your myth illustrate similarities and/or differences between classical mythology and modern religion? What questions does your myth answer that modern religions answer today?

How does the story of your topic illustrate the similarities and/or differences of people in ancient Greece and in modern America?