

Mythology Research Paper

Scoring Guide

Writer's Name _____

Organization: Standard Academic Essay Format

- Introduction
 - Attention Getter & Effective Transition to Background Information
 - Background Information: Brief Explanation of Assigned Myth
 - Areas of Focus: Main Supporting Points (at least 3) Briefly Mentioned
 - Clearly Stated Thesis (not the Essential Question, but the *answer*)

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- Body
 - Clear Topic Sentence in Each Body Paragraph
 - Specifics/Details that Support Topic Sentences and **prove thesis**
 - (not just a report or a retelling)
 - Effective Transitions/Clinchers

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- Conclusion: Restate thesis and main points; powerful clincher
 - Restate Thesis (in different words)
 - Restate Main Points (in different words)
 - Powerful Clincher

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Length of Paper: 700 words or more; no needless repetition

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Parenthetical Citations: author's last name and page number
(MLA style, including proper spacing and punctuation)

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Works Cited Page: alphabetized and properly formatted entries
(five+ sources, MLA style, proper spelling, capitalization, punctuation)

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Quality/Correctness of Writing: Final draft quality; clearly a best effort
(Grammar Punk: No fragments, run-ons, comma splices, or misused commas)

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Grand Total

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