

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a better understanding of Greek mythology and its significance in ancient Greek culture.

## Materials and Prep

- Pen and paper
- Access to a computer or library for research
- Optional: Art supplies for a creative activity

## Activities

- Create a Greek Mythology Character:

Have the student imagine and draw their own Greek mythology character. Encourage them to think about the character's appearance, powers, and backstory. They can also give the character a name.

- Research a Greek God or Goddess:

Ask the student to choose a Greek god or goddess that interests them. Instruct them to research and write a short paragraph about their chosen deity, including their powers, symbols, and any famous myths associated with them.

- Read and Retell a Greek Myth:

Provide the student with a simplified version of a popular Greek myth, such as the story of Perseus and Medusa. Have them read the myth and then retell it in their own words, either orally or in writing.

- Create a Mythological Map:

Ask the student to draw a map of ancient Greece and mark the locations where different Greek gods and goddesses were believed to have originated or had significant associations. They can also include famous mythological landmarks.

## Talking Points

- Greek mythology was a collection of stories and beliefs that ancient Greeks used to explain natural phenomena, human emotions, and the origins of the world.
- The Greek gods and goddesses were believed to have human-like qualities and emotions. They controlled different aspects of life, such as love, war, wisdom, and the weather.
- Myths often portrayed the gods and goddesses as flawed characters who made mistakes and faced consequences for their actions, just like humans.

- Ancient Greeks used myths to teach moral lessons and to understand the world around them. They also used myths as a way to explain natural events that they couldn't understand scientifically.
- Some well-known Greek gods and goddesses include Zeus, the king of the gods; Athena, the goddess of wisdom; and Poseidon, the god of the sea.