

GREEK MYTHS



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Persephone



Reason for seasons

Hades



- Ruler of the Underworld
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Demeter



- Goddess of Harvest
- Mother of Persephone

Helios



God of sun



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3rd grade

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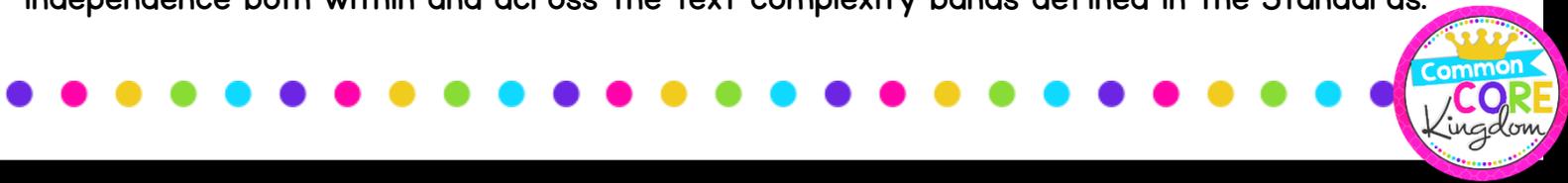
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Persephone



Reason for seasons

Zeus



Ruler of the G

Phaethon



Son of Helios

Myths

Athena



Goddess of wisdom

• Have gods, goddesses, heroes, monsters

• Try to explain why things are the way they are

Explain the creation of the world

• Teach a lesson



Have Magic



Come from different cultures

Demeter



• Goddess of Harvest
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Poseidon



Ruler of the Sea

Arachne



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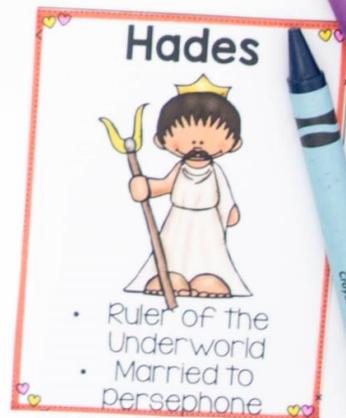
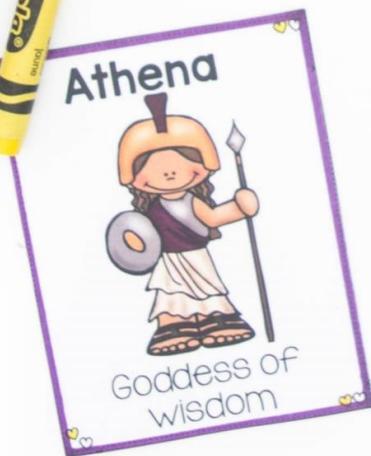
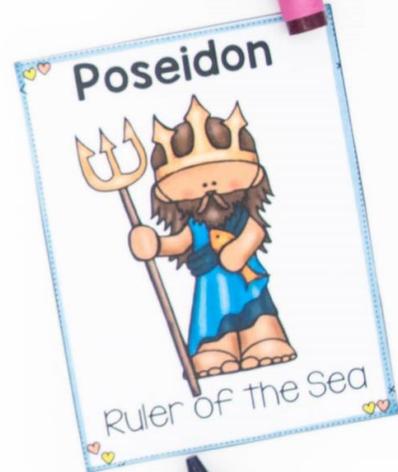
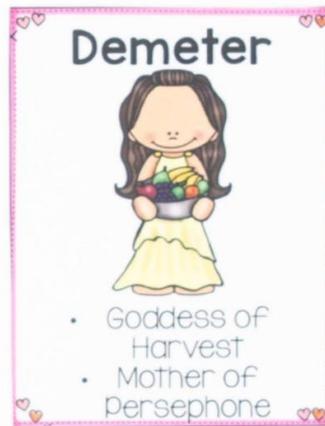
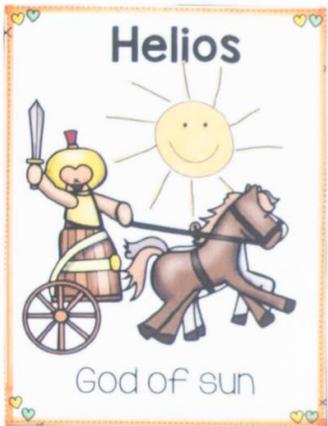
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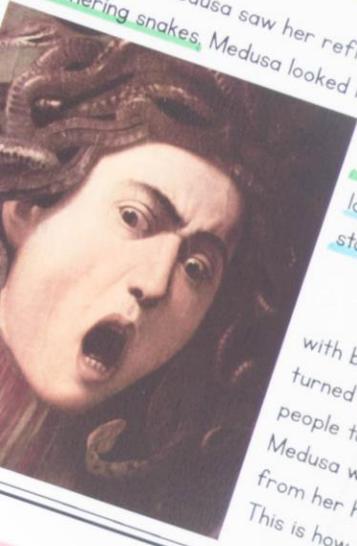
Medusa

Long ago there was a beautiful woman named Medusa. People admired Medusa for her beauty. She had gorgeous long blonde hair. Medusa always bragged to others about her beauty. She loved to stare at her reflection in the mirror.

One day, Medusa went to visit the goddess Athena's temple. Everyone who visited Athena obeyed her. That is, except Medusa. Medusa said the temple was wasted on Athena. She thought the temple should belong to her because she was much more beautiful. Medusa stared at her reflection in a mirror on the wall in the temple. Suddenly, Athena appeared in the mirror.

"Foolish girl!" Athena yelled at Medusa. "You think beauty is all that matters? All you do is brag about yourself. Looks are not everything. You will see soon."

Suddenly, Medusa saw her reflection in the mirror transform. Her hair turned into slithering snakes. Medusa looked like a monster.



Athena spoke again. "Anyone who looks at you will turn to stone! Even if you look at your reflection, you will turn to stone."

Athena sent Medusa to live in a cave with blind monsters who could not be turned to stone. She did not want other people to accidentally look at her. As Medusa wandered about, snakes dropped from her hair and slithered to the earth. This is how snakes came to inhabit earth.

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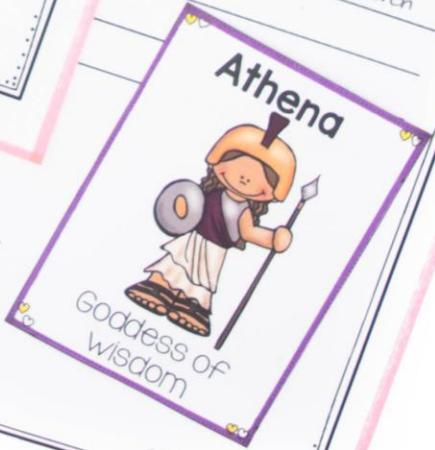
a) Athena said anyone who looked at Medusa would turn to stone.

Which of the following are true?
a) (Choose all that apply.)
blind giant
to snakes
cave with blind giants
turn to stone



- a) why Medusa is beautiful
- b) why Athena is a goddess
- c) why snakes inhabit the earth
- d) why you should never look in a mirror

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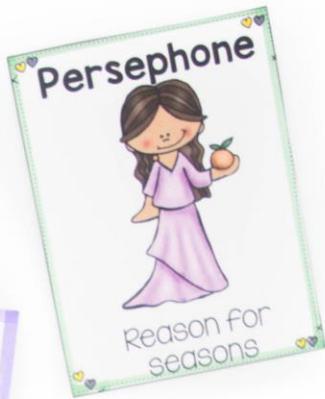


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Because of the crops that died, Zeus struck a deal with Hades. If Persephone wanted to marry Hades and become the Queen of the Underworld, she would stay for a year in the Underworld and return to earth for six months.

During the six months she is in the Underworld, the crops do not grow and the seasons are winter. When she returns to earth, the crops grow to welcome her and the seasons are spring, summer, and fall.



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Persephone took care of the crops to find Persephone in the Underworld.



Persephone refused to eat because she heard that if you eat food in the Underworld, you can never leave.

Summer and winter are when Persephone is in the Underworld. Fall and spring are when she is on earth.



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TEST: The Myth of Apollo and Daphne

One day Eros, the little god of love, sat on the bank of a river. He was playing with his arrows. The arrows were very tiny. Some had points of gold. Others had points of lead. None of them looked as if they could do harm.

That day Apollo, the great sun-god, walked along the bank of the same river. He was returning from a fight with a python. He had just used his wonderful golden arrows to kill the python. He was very proud of his victory. When he saw Eros he said, "What are such little arrows good for?"



Eros' feelings were very hurt. He said nothing. He took his little arrows and flew to the top of Mount Parnassus. There he sat down on the grass and took an arrow. Looking all about, he saw Daphne walking through a grove. Daphne was the daughter of Peneus, the river-god. She was beautiful. Eros shot the arrow straight at Daphne's heart. Although it did her no harm, this little arrow made Daphne feel afraid. She began to run.

Then Eros, who was very naughty, took a golden-pointed arrow. He shot it at Apollo. The golden-pointed arrow had the power to make Apollo love the first thing he saw. Just then, Daphne ran by.



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Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color shown. If there is no crayon next to the question, you will need to infer the answer. You should still look for text evidence to help you infer.

1. Why did Apollo tease Eros for his little arrows?
 - a Apollo wanted to anger Eros.
 - b Apollo wanted to chase Eros into the mountain.
 - c Apollo had large arrows and had just killed a python.
 - d Apollo wanted Eros to help him fall in love with Daphne.

Apollo called to Daphne that there was nothing to fear. She would not stop running. He ran after her. The faster Apollo followed the faster Daphne ran. She grew more and more afraid, for the little arrow was sticking in her heart.

She ran until she came to the bank of her father's river. She was so tired that she could run no farther. She called her father for help. The river-god changed her into a beautiful tree.

When Apollo came

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5. What happened to Daphne in the end?
 - a Daphne fell in love with Apollo.
 - b Daphne's father turned her into a tree.
 - c Daphne's father, the river god, punished Apollo.
 - d Daphne escaped from Apollo by running into the river.

6. What did Apollo do after he found Daphne?

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Echo

Echo was a nymph who talked too much. She was very fond of having the last word. One day she spoke rudely to her mother Hera. Hera punished Echo by taking away her voice. Echo could only repeat what she had just heard.

This was almost as bad as if Hera had turned her into a parrot. Echo was very ashamed, and hid herself in the forest.

Narcissus was a young man who had hair as yellow as gold and eyes as blue as the sky. This is a very rare thing in Greece, where most people were very dark. Narcissus hunted in the forest where Echo was hiding. As she was peeping out shyly from some cave or from behind a great tree, Echo often saw Narcissus. She loved him very much.

One day Narcissus became separated from his friends. He heard something rustle among the leaves and called out, "Who's here?"

"Here," answered Echo.

"Here I am. Come!" said Narcissus.

"I am come," said Echo. As she spoke, she came out from among the trees.

When Narcissus saw a stranger, instead of one of his friends as he had expected, he looked surprised and walked quickly away.

After this, Echo never came out and allowed herself to be seen again. In time she faded away until she became only a voice.

This voice was heard for many, many years in forests and among mountains, particularly in caves. Hunters often heard it. Sometimes it mocked the barking of their dogs; sometimes it repeated their own last words. It always had a weird and mournful sound, and seemed to make lonely places more lonely still.



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Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color shown. If there is no crayon next to the question, you will need to infer the answer. You should still look for text evidence to help you infer.

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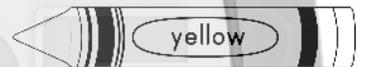


- a. Echo didn't like to talk.
- b. Echo was turned into a parrot.
- c. Echo said something rude to her mother.
- d. Echo liked to repeat what everyone else said.

2. How did Hera punish Echo?



3. How did Echo meet Narcissus? How did she feel about him?



4. How did Narcissus feel when he saw Echo in the woods?



- a. Narcissus was lonely because he lost his friends.
- b. Narcissus was scared because Echo was repeating everything he said.
- c. Narcissus was startled because he expected the voice to belong to his friend.
- d. Narcissus was excited because he saw a beautiful nymph instead of one of his friends.

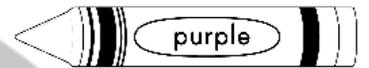
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5. What happened to Echo in the end?



- a. Echo and Narcissus got lost.
- b. Echo and Narcissus fell in love.
- c. Echo begged her mother to give Echo her voice back.
- d. Echo went into hiding until she faded away and became a voice.

6. What is the sound in the mountains that hunters often hear?



7. What is the lesson of this story?

- a. Do not frighten the person you fall in love with.
- b. Stay close to your friends so you don't get lost.
- c. Think before you speak and choose your words carefully.
- d. If you lose your voice, you should hide from embarrassment.

8. What does this myth explain?

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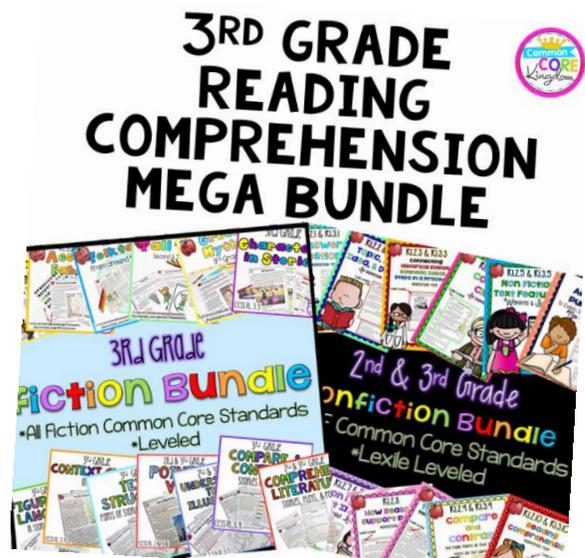


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