

Writer's Tip

- Use *vivid verbs* to create interest and excitement.
- Specific verbs help the reader form a mental picture of the action.

The Birth of Zeus

Kronos was a mighty giant who once ruled the earth. He and the goddess Rhea had many children. But Kronos feared that one of his children would grow up to destroy him and steal his throne. To make sure that this never happened, he swallowed each baby as it was born.

Rhea wailed with grief and despair for her five lost children. When the time came for Rhea to have her next child, she hid in a deep cave and had the baby there. Rhea called him Zeus and left him with two gentle nymphs.

Then Rhea returned to Kronos. "Give me the child," he demanded. So Rhea wrapped a large stone in a baby blanket, and gave it to Kronos. And he swallowed it whole like the others.

When Zeus grew up, he vowed to punish his wicked father. Seeking help, he begged Metis, the beautiful goddess of wisdom, to devise a plan.

Metis crept into Kronos's palace and slipped a powerful mixture into his drink. Kronos began to cough. He hacked and hacked until he vomited up all of Zeus's brothers and sisters.

Then Zeus banished his father and became king of the gods. He ruled the earth with his brothers and sisters beside him.



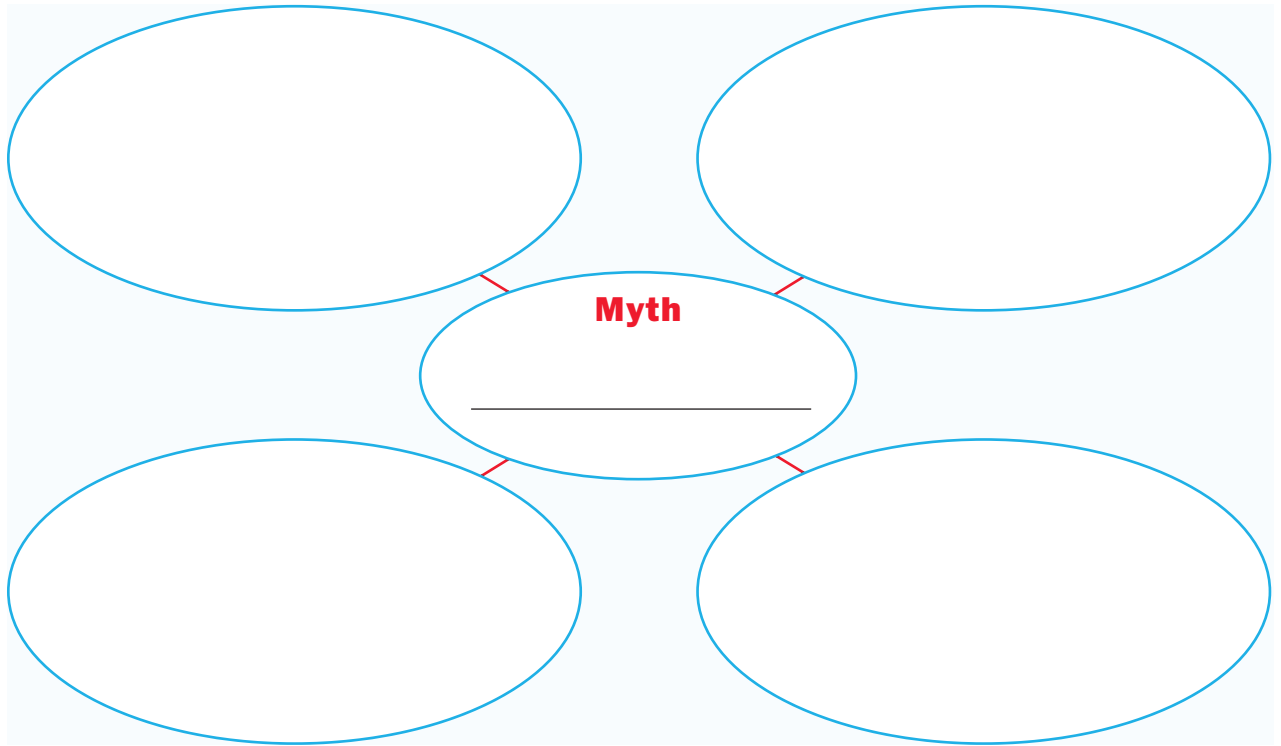
Vivid Verbs

▶ Reread the passage. Circle the vivid verbs that help you picture the action in the story. Then write them on the lines below.

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② _____	⑤ _____
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Your Turn

▶ Think about the myth you are writing. Write the title of your myth in the center. Then fill in the chart with the action that takes place in your story. Be sure to use vivid verbs.



▶ Use your graphic organizer to write a paragraph using vivid verbs to describe the action in your myth.