

STEP 1: READ A LOT!

DIRECTIONS: Pick a well-known myth or story from the lists to the right and read all about it! Do the research and become an expert on the story so that you will be ready to make your own myth. Use the note catcher to gather the information you find as you research.

NOTE CATCHER

CHARACTER IN THE STORY:

STRENGTHS:

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WHAT IS THE CONFLICT?

HOW DO THE CHARACTERS RESPOND TO THE CONFLICT?

WRITE A SHORT SUMMARY OF THE MYTH IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

MYTHOLOGY

GREEK

- Adventures of Theseus
- Apollo and Daphne
- Myths of the Constellations
- Adventures of Perseus
- The Amazons
- The Argonauts

HINDU

- Birth of Sri Krishna
- Kaliya
- Stories of Shiva
- Kamsa
- Hanuman
- Ganesha

MAYA

- Defeat of the Great Crocodile
- Creation of Mankind
- The Hummingbird Suitor
- Origin of Sun and Moon
- Defeat of Seven Macaw
- The Maize God

NORSE

- Creation of the Cosmos
- Creation of the First Humans
- The Aesir-Vanir War
- Creation of Thor's Hammer
- Why Odin Is One-Eyed
- Odin's Discovery of the Runes

KOREAN

- Namu Doryeong
- Dangun
- Story of the Abandoned Princess
- Jowang the Fire God
- The Goddess of Earth and Love
- Chronicle of the War Gods

STEP 2: CHARACTER DETAILS

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DIRECTIONS: Pick one character from the myth you studied. Use the information you gathered in your research to develop the character. On the left side, illustrate how your character looks from the outside. On the right side, write about how your character is on the inside (character traits, inner thoughts, wants).

OUTSIDE

INSIDE

TRAITS:

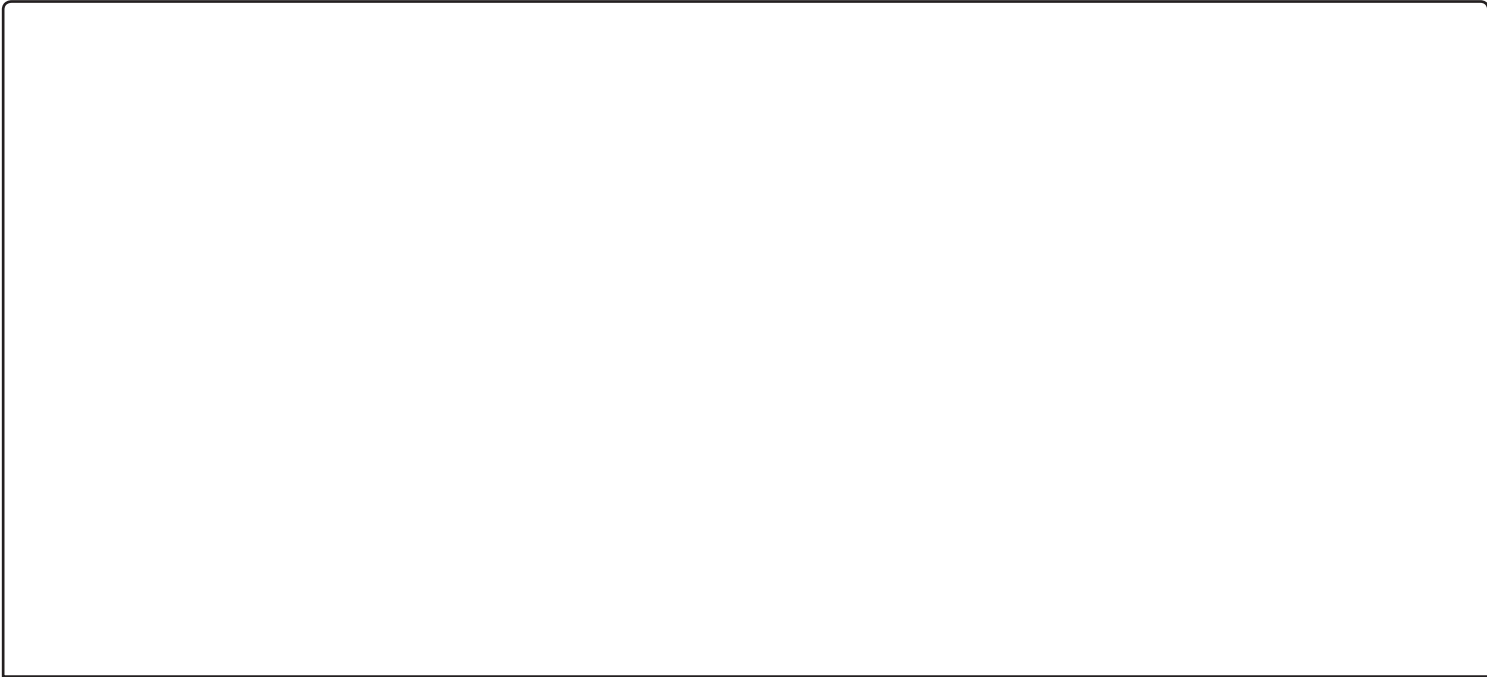
INNER THOUGHTS:

WANTS:

TEACHERS: Photocopy and give to your students.

STEP 3: MODERNIZE YOUR CHARACTER

DIRECTIONS: Put your character in the modern world. How will this change them? Illustrate your character and the modern setting they now live in.



WHAT CLOTHING DOES YOUR CHARACTER WEAR? _____

WHAT HOBBIES OR INTERESTS DOES YOUR CHARACTER HAVE? _____

DOES YOUR CHARACTER USE TECHNOLOGY? IF SO, WHAT TECHNOLOGY? _____

ARE THERE ANY OTHER CHARACTERISTICS THAT HAVE CHANGED ABOUT YOUR CHARACTER NOW THAT THEY LIVE IN THE MODERN WORLD? _____

STEP 4: PUT YOUR CHARACTER IN A STORY!

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DIRECTIONS: Create your own original myth by imagining a problem that your character might face. How will your character react to the problem? How will it change them?

1. PROBLEM STARTS

How does the main character react?

Does the character have enemies who make the problem worse?

2. PROBLEM GETS WORSE

3. PROBLEM IS AT ITS WORST

This is the most intense part! How will you make your reader feel the suspense?

What is your character doing? How is it starting to work?

4. PROBLEM STARTS TO GET SOLVED

5. PROBLEM IS RESOLVED

What did your character learn from this challenge?

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