

Greek Mythology Primary Resource



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Additional information

Contents & Purpose

This primary resource offers 2 PDF posters, one dedicated to Zeus and the other to "tales of terror" from ancient Greece. Both pages offers short paragraphs adapted from the National Geographic Treasure of Greek Mythology volume by Donna Jo Napoli.

The Zeus PDF briefly narrates Zeus' fight against the Titans and the division of the universe between the three brothers. A colourful illustration depicts Zeus holding a thunderbolt and the giant serpents he was fighting.

In the second PDF, the students are introduced to various adventures from Greek mythology involving mythical monsters: Odysseus facing Scylla and Charybdis; Theseus and the Minotaur; Heracles and the Hydra; Perseus and Medusa; Bellerophon and the Chimera. Each adventure is narrated in a short paragraph with accompanying bright and vivid illustration.

The students are encouraged to create their own stories following the myths they learn or create posters for other mythological characters.

Further comments

Resource 1: Zeus King of the Gods. While the narration briefly follows events from the Titanomachy, it also reveals the tension between Zeus and his mother. Gaia was angry with Zeus for locking the Titans away, so she gave birth to Typhon, who rose up against Zeus. Hence, the students can discuss Zeus' actions from various viewpoints and the different considerations of Gaia, the Titans and the Olympic gods.

Resource 2: Tales of Terror from Ancient Greece. The six stories in this PDF offer a brief glimpse into the adventures of the mythological characters, probably with the expectation that the students will want to read more about them and discover the fuller stories. The stories are adapted for a young audience. For example, it explains only that Heracles needed to complete 12 tasks in order to gain immortality and that Perseus sought Medusa in order to please his king.

The main purpose of these brief stories is to show the students the fantastic and exciting world of the Greek myths with their plethora of heroes and monsters.

