

# Greek Gods

Part 2

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# Myths and Legends

The Ancient Greek people told many stories featuring their gods and goddesses. Many Greek myths feature scary monsters and tell tales of heroic quests. The stories helped the Ancient Greek people make sense of the world and explained how things came to be.

The stories were passed on Orally as people did not read and write. Over time, the stories became more exciting and scary and the characters became more heroic. They became the legends that we know today!

## Task 1

Read 'A Story About Hades' on the next few slides.



# A Story About Hades



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Hades, Zeus and Poseidon were brothers.



Hades ruled the world of the dead, also known as the Underworld. He had a chariot which was drawn by four black horses. Hades was responsible for making sure the dead stayed in the Underworld for all time.



Rather unusually, Orpheus, who was a wonderful singer, returned from the Underworld. When his wife died, he travelled to the Underworld to get her back.



Orpheus' singing enchanted Hades so much that he agreed to let him have his wife back, but on one condition: Orpheus wasn't allowed to look at his wife as they left the Underworld.

However, as they were leaving, Orpheus looked behind him to check his wife was following, meaning she had to stay in the Underworld forever.



# Myths and Legends

What have we learnt about the gods?

What stories have been written about them?

## Task 2 Write your own Greek Myth

What should we include?

1. Who is your hero and what is the setting?
2. What is the problem or dilemma?
3. What god/goddess do they meet? How does the god/goddess help them?
4. What monster do they meet?
5. How is the problem solved?
6. How does the story end?



# Mythical beasts



# Task 3 Create your own Mythical Beast

## Make your own Mythical Beast

Name: ..... Date: .....

Why did the Greeks have so many weird mixed-up monster and wonderful animals - like Pegasus the flying horse?

My mythical beast \_\_\_\_\_  
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Create your own mythical beast.

Does it have wings?

How many eyes does it have?

Is it a combination of two or more animals?

