

# GREEK AND ROMAN MYTHOLOGY

LLEA 122 (FALL 2009)  
Marine Science 114 TTh 9:00-10:15

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AUG	25 Tues	INTRODUCTION: Background on Greece and Rome Definition of Myth; myth and religion.
	27 Thurs	INTRODUCTION: continued
SEPT	1 Tues	<i>Genesis</i> 1-10, CREATION MYTHS: Hesiod, <i>Theogony</i> ; Ovid <i>Metamorphoses</i> 1-16
	3 Thur	<b>REQUIRED LECTURE Dr. Stan Burstein, "The Real Cleopatra." 7:30 P.M. Doris Duke Theatre, Honolulu Academy of Arts</b>
	8 Tues	JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY AS MYTHIC SYSTEMS Finish <i>Genesis, Exodus, Gospel of Matthew</i> .
	10 Thurs	
	15 Tues.	
	17 Thurs	PROMETHEUS; SNAKES IN MYTHOLOGY
	22 Tues	ZEUS AND HEADS OF PANTHEONS IN RELIGIONS: Ovid 21-28, 40-45, 54-56
	24 Thurs	APOLLO: Ovid 16-20, 28-40, 47-48, 239-241, 264-266, 269-270 PERSEUS: Ovid 100-114
	29 Tues	
OCT	1 Thurs	DEMETER AND PERSEPHONE: Ovid 119-128.
	6 Tues	<b>TEST 1</b>
	8 Thurs	<b>ORESTES, AGAMEMNON, Aeschylus, <i>Agamemnon</i>, REQUIRED LECTURE Dr. Joh Darnell The Illustrated Desert: the origins of writing in the Egyptian Deserts. 7:30 P.M. Doris Duke Theatre, Honolulu Academy of Arts</b>
	13 Tues	Aeschylus, <i>Eumenides</i>
	15 Thurs	
	20 Tues	HERACLES: Ovid 181-233; Ovid 286, 327-8. On <a href="http://www.perseus.tufts.edu">www.perseus.tufts.edu</a> - read and look at illustrations of 12 labors of Heracles
	22 Thurs	OEDIPUS: Sophocles, <i>Oedipus Rex</i>
	27 Tues	

	29 Thurs	ANTIGONE: Sophocles, <i>Antigone</i>
NOV	3 Tues	
	5 Thurs	
	10 Tues	<b>Classroom trial of Creon</b>
	<b>12 Thurs</b>	<b>TEST #2</b>
	17 Tues	DIONYSUS: Euripides, <i>Bacchae</i> ; <i>Hippolytus</i> , Ovid 57-73,99
	19 Thurs	HOMER, <i>Odyssey</i> ; Ovid 285-338; TROJAN WAR; its historicity; place in Greek myth. <b>SHORT PAPER DUE</b>
	24 Tues	
	<b>26 Thurs</b>	<b>Holiday, Thanksgiving</b>
	1 Tues	ROMAN MYTH: Ovid 81-99; 153-174; 234-259, 338-391; INTRODUCTION TO ROMAN HISTORY AND CULTURE
	3 Thurs	RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS AS MYTH; MEANING OF MYTH
DEC	<b>8 Tues</b>	<b>Take Home Part of Test #3 Due</b> slide lecture on City of Pompeii
	<b>10 Thurs</b>	<b>TEST #3 (YOU MAY TAKE TEST #3 ON THIS DATE OR ON DEC. 13<sup>th</sup> at your choice)</b>
	<b>15 Tues</b>	<b>9:45-11:45 A.M. TEST #3 OPTIONAL DATE</b>

TEXT: REQUIRED:

- \*1. Ovid, *Metamorphoses*
2. Homer, *Odyssey*
- \*3. Hesiod, *Theogony*
4. Aeschylus, *Oresteia*, trans. R. Lattimore
- \*5. Sophocles, *The Theban Plays* trans. Ruth Fainlight and Robert Littman
6. Euripides. *Three Tragedies* No. 5
7. Euripides *Four Tragedies* No. 1
8. *Genesis* and *Exodus* is found in the Old Testament-any edition is acceptable
9. *Gospel of Matthew* is found in the New Testament-any edition is acceptable
- \*10. *Dictionary of Mythology*, Pierre Grimal

There will be a series of three tests, and no final exam. Part of Test #3 will be take home. Take home question: "Define Myth and support your definition from Greek/Roman/other mythologies." 2 pages.

The reading assignments are due on the dates stated above. Class discussion of the assigned reading material will usually be a day or two after the reading assignment is due. **Make sure that you have the reading material ready on the due date, since there will be occasional quizzes.** Also, I have attempted to space out the reading material. Some of the reading assignments might be discussed in a single class, others spread out over many classes. **Daily quizzes will be given, beginning Aug. 27.** Grades-each test counts 28 points, quizzes, attendance and class participation 6 points; short paper 10 points. A 90-100; B 80-89; C 70-79; D 60-69; F 59 or below. There is no curve. Short paper-2 pages: topic-attend a religious service not your own and explain the rituals and the myth behind the ritual. **CLASS WEBSITE [www.ill.hawaii.edu/classes/lea122/](http://www.ill.hawaii.edu/classes/lea122/)**

## NAMES FOR IDENTIFICATION

Look up pictorial representations of these names on the Class Website [www.llh.hawaii.edu/classes/lla122/](http://www.llh.hawaii.edu/classes/lla122/). You can find additional material on the web [www.perseus.tufts.edu](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu). Be prepared to ID names in class.

These names are guidelines. This list is not necessarily complete.

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|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Cronus<br>(Saturn)         | 28. Abraham      | 67. Teiresias            | 105. Harpies    |
| 2. Rhea                       | 29. Isaac        | 68. Polybus              | 106. Helios     |
| 3. Gaia                       | 30. Joseph       | 69. Merope               | 107. Laocoon    |
| 4. Uranus                     | 31. Sarah        | 70. Ariadne              | 108. Adonis     |
| 5. Demeter<br>(Ceres)         | 32. Rebecca      | 71. Phaedra              | 109. Medusa     |
| 6. Persephone<br>(Kore)       | 33. Jacob        | 72. Hippolyta            | 110. Furies     |
| 7. Ares (Mars)                | 34. Mary-Joseph  | 73. Hippolytus           | 111. Niobe      |
| 8. Zeus<br>(Jupiter-<br>Jove) | 35. Muses        | 74. Ascanius             | 112. Minotaur   |
| 9. Hera (Juno)                | 36. Noah         | 75. Astyanax             | 113. Fates      |
| 10. Hebe                      | 37. Deucalion    | 76. Bacchae<br>(Maenads) | 114. Alcestis   |
| 11. Hephaestus<br>(Vulcan)    | 38. Leto         | 77. Cadmus               | 115. Pan        |
| 12. Athena<br>(Minerva)       | 39. Leda         | 78. Cassandra            | 116. Telemachus |
| 13. Poseidon<br>(Neptune)     | 40. Themis       | 79. Centaurs             | 117. Odysseus   |
| 14. Pluto<br>(Hades)          | 41. Mnemosyne    | 80. Satyrs               | 118. Laertes    |
| 15. Metis                     | 42. Aegisthus    | 81. Cerberus             | 119. Penelope   |
| 16. Apollo                    | 43. Aeneas       | 82. Charon               | 120. Ajax       |
| 17. Dionysus                  | 44. Anchises     | 83. Charybdis            | 121. Priam      |
| 18. Epimetheus                | 45. Dido         | 84. Chimaera             | 122. Hecuba     |
| 19. Aphrodite<br>(Venus)      | 46. Atreus       | 85. Chiron               | 123. Nausicaa   |
| 20. Titans                    | 47. Thyestes     | 86. Circe                | 124. Cyclopes   |
| 21. Artemis<br>(Diana)        | 48. Agamemnon    | 87. Symplegades          | 125. Polyphemus |
| 22. Hermes<br>(Mercury)       | 49. Clytemnestra | 88. Creon                | 126. Paris      |
| 23. Prometheus                | 50. Helen        | 89. Creusa               | 127. Pegasus    |
| 24. Pandora                   | 51. Menelaus     | 90. Medea                | 128. Sirens     |
| 25. Perseus                   | 52. Orestes      | 91. Jason                | 129. Sisyphus   |
| 26. Danae                     | 53. Sphinx       | 92. Argonauts            | 130. Styx       |
| 27. Typhoeus                  | 54. Pylades      | 93. Cupid (Eros)         | 131. Tantalus   |
|                               | 55. Electra      | 94. Daedalus             | 132. Theseus.   |
|                               | 56. Iphigeneia   | 95. Icarus               | 133. Turnus     |
|                               | 57. Agave        | 96. Deianira             | 134. Romulus    |
|                               | 58. Pentheus     | 97. Actaeon              | 135. Remus      |
|                               | 59. Atlas        | 98. Dryads               |                 |
|                               | 60. Amazons      | 99. Eris                 |                 |
|                               | 61. Andromache   | 100. Europa              |                 |
|                               | 62. Andromeda    | 101. Eurydice            |                 |
|                               | 63. Oedipus      | 102. Orpheus             |                 |
|                               | 64. Eteocles     | 103. Galatea             |                 |
|                               | 65. Polyneices   | 104. Giants              |                 |
|                               | 66. Jocasta      |                          |                 |