

Re-introducing an “Illustrious Ancient Character” to 21st Century Society (aka Get to Know Greeks)

What are some popular methods of sharing who we are, what we do, what we believe, what is said about us, what is important to know about us...?

Here are a few that immediately come to my mind:

- Facebook
- Blogs and Tweets and Texts (to do lists, appointments, opinions, etc)
- Scrapbooking
- Folders of Important Documents (budgets, wills, birth and death announcements, awards, resume, receipts of important purchases, deeds, etc)
- Curriculum Vitae (like expanded resumes of all the important things you’ve accomplished, honors received, publications, etc)
- Reality TV
- New updates and interviews; newspapers
- Anything else that you think of...?



Choose a “personage, or character” from the list on the back of this page that you would like to get to know better and help your peers know better.

Sign up with me--calmly; first come first served.

Then do some research about:

- Background, beliefs, “life” history, connections
- Significant deeds and accomplishments
- References to (i.e. stories about) this “character” in myths or other literature or perhaps even science or music
- The importance of this “character.” Why is he/she/it such a big deal?
- Anything else you discover that is “cool”

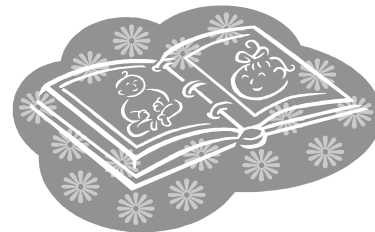
After you’ve gathered your information choose one of the above “modern methods” for presenting your Ancient Greek to your 21st Century audience. Pick a format that you are familiar with and skilled in.

Decide how to match various pieces of your information with various parts of the format you’ve chosen, and create your Facebook page, Blog, record of Tweets or Texting, scrapbook, folder, newspaper, reality show, or CV document.

Have lots of fun and let your creativity loose! We will display our presentations as a 21st Century meets Mt. Olympus and beyond. I want you to learn about this culture so that it will no longer be “Greek to You” By the way, what does that phrase “It’s Greek to me” mean? Shakespeare invented it, remember. Hopefully, after Sonnets in the Garden Shakespeare himself is not Greek to you 😊



NB: This project can be a great addition to your Antholio



Getting to Know Some Major Greeks so Mythology is not "All Greek to Me"

(the names in parentheses are the Roman equivalents—same "person")

Achilles – Hero
Aphrodite (Venus) – Goddess of love and beauty
Apollo – God of the sun, prophecy, music, and archery
Arachne – Legendary woman
Ares (Mars) – God of war
Argus—many-eyed monster
Artemis (Diana) – Goddess of the hunt and the moon
Athena (Minerva) – Goddess of wisdom and combat
Atlas – Greater titan, "strength personified"
Bellerophon – Hero
Centarus – Half man / half horse creatures
Cerberus – Three-headed dog
Circe – The Black sorceress
Cronus (Saturn) – Ruler of the titans, god of agriculture
Cyclops – A one eyed giant
The Delphic oracle – A woman soothsayer
Demeter (Ceres) – Goddesses of agriculture
Dionysus (Bacchus) – God of wine
Eros (Cupid) – God of love and mischief
Fates (Clotho, Lachesis, and Atropus) – Decide man's fate
Griffon – Body of a lion, other body parts of other animals

Gorgons
Hades (Pluto) – God of the underworld and death
Hecate – Goddesses of magic
Hephaestus (Vulcan) – God of fire and blacksmiths
Hera (Juno) – Queen of the gods, goddess of marriage
Heracles (Hercules) – Demigod

Hermes (Mercury) – Messenger of the gods
Hestia (Vesta) – Goddess of the home

Hydra—a monster
Hypnos (Somnus) – God of sleep
Iris – Goddess of rainbows
Jason – Hero of the Golden Fleece
Medusa – Women who had the hair of snakes
Midas – king of Phrygia (everything he touched turned to gold)
Minotaur – Half man, half bull creature
Muses –there are 9 Muses
Nemesis – the goddesses of divine revenge
Nike – Goddess of victory
Odysseus – Hero who went on the Odyssey
Orion – A giant hunter
Orpheus – God of music
Pan – God of nature
Pandora – The first woman on Earth
Pegasus – a winged horse
Penelope – Wife of Odysseus
Persephone (Proserpina) – Wife of Hades
Poseidon (Neptune) – God of the sea

Scylla and Charybdis—it's hard to get past these two
Sirens – Half woman, half bird creatures
Sisyphus – Legendary hero
Sphinx – Face of a woman, body of a lion, and wings of a bird
Zeus (Jupiter) – Ruler of the gods

NB: The myths and legends of other cultures are fascinating too. We'll take a look at some of those in 8th grade. Of course, you and Google could discover many things on-line before then. Also, I've a ton of books in the room burgeoning with myths and legends.

