

TITLE: THE STORIES OF GREEK MYTHOLOGY

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Thesis:

An analysis of Greek Mythology reveals gods, heroes, and rituals in Greek culture and their perception of natural events in the world.

Core Concepts/Keywords:

Greek Mythology, Greek Culture, & Natural Events.

Primary Source:

Citation:

Clash of the Titans. Prod. Ray Harryhausen and Charles H. Schneer. Dir. Desmond Davis. Perf. Laurence Oliver, Harry Hamlin, Maggie Smith, and Ursula Andress. DVD. MGM, 1981.

Annotation:

The movie focuses on a Greek legend named Perseus, it goes into detail on how he killed Medusa and the Kraken. It also discusses the reason why he killed the monsters. The movie briefly shows many gods and goddesses and their purpose to Greek Mythology. The movie is reliable because it is based on myths told by many Greek philosophers. The movie is very helpful because it helps you understand through a visual aspect. It was amazing because they brought a myth to the big screen to help understand why Perseus was so important to Greek Mythology.

Print Reference Source:

Citation:

Cotterell, Arthur. "Classical Mythology." *The Encyclopedia of Mythology*. 1996.

Annotation:

The encyclopedia focuses mainly on describing important places, people in Greek Mythology and their purpose, like Zeus who was the king of the gods or Hercules who was one of the most famous heroes throughout the myths, he is known for his twelve labors. This source is very useful because it gives full descriptions of people and events. The encyclopedia is reliable because it is based on factual information and does not show any bias. The encyclopedia is helpful because it breaks down a lot of important information. The encyclopedia gives you a complete summary of every aspect, it gives more information than needed.

Electronic Reference Source:

Citation:

"Greek Creation Myths." *Encyclopedia Mythica*. 2007. Encyclopedia Mythica Online. 28 March 2008 <<http://www.pantheon.org/> [<http://www.pantheon.org/>]>.

Annotation:

The electronic reference source focuses on every topic of Greek mythology. The most important topics that are covered is the stories concerning the gods, heroes, and rituals of the Ancient Greeks. The source is very useful because it has full texts for each entry along with links that explain each topic in further detail. The source is reliable because the information provided is well organized and based on factual information. The source was good because it gave in depth information instead of giving unclear information.

Web Sites:

Citation:

The Olympians. 2005. Greek Mythology. 6 April 2008 <<http://www.greekmythology.com/>>

[<http://www.greekmythology.com/>]>.

Annotation:

The web site focuses on information about all the Greek gods, heroes, myths, and literature books. The web site is useful to research because they discuss in details on a variety of topics in Greek Mythology. It also has the full text of many literature books containing Greek Mythology. The web site seems to be reliable but it is not professional because of a few grammar mistakes. The web site was very helpful because it described many facts about Greek Mythology but it was unprofessional.

Citation:

Find References To Greek Mythology In Everyday Life. 2007. So You Wanna Know The Basics Of Greek Mythology. 6 April 2008

<<http://www.soyouwanna.com/site/syws/mythology/mythology2.html>

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Annotation:

The web site focuses on the importance of each god and their role to Greek Mythology. The web site also discusses how you could recognize a Greek Mythology. The web site is useful because it goes into detail on how you can find Greek Mythology in our everyday life. The web site does give good information, but the site is too commercial. The web site has bright colors and many advertisements, The web site is trying to be more entertaining instead of giving out factual information.

Books:

Citation:

Grant, Michael. *Myths of the Greeks and Romans.* Cleveland: The World Publishing Company, 1962.

Annotation:

The book mainly focuses on the myths of the Ancient Greeks and Romans, it goes into full detail of famous myths, like the story of Prometheus, who created man and the story of The Trojan war, which is an epic wrote by Homer. The book is very useful because it gives details on how life was before the gods and goddesses and how they came to be. The information is reliable because it gives a lot of informative information. The book discusses many new ideas that is not explained in other pieces of literature.

Citation:

Evslin, Bernard. *Gods, Demigods And Demons: A Handbook of Greek Mythology.* London: I.B. Tauris & Company, 2006.

Annotation:

The book mainly focuses on brief descriptions of every major and minor person in Greek Mythology. The book was very useful because it did not just focus on a certain person, it discussed a range of people so you can understand what everyone's role was. The book is very reliable because it does not have information that conflicts with each other. The book was very organized and easy to find information because everything was in alphabetical order.

Citation:

Kerenyi, C. *The Heroes Of The Greeks.* New York: Grove Press, 1960.

Annotation:

The book explains mostly about the famous heroes of Greek Mythology, it goes into detail on every monster that each hero killed and what killed the heroes. The book is very important to research because it gives full stories of each hero and not vague summaries. The book is reliable because the information is subjective and the book breaks down every aspect of each story so you can imagine it. The book gives relief because the author put a lot into the book so the reader could understand completely.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Citation:

Margot Kathleen Louis. "Gods and Mysteries: The Revival of Paganism and the Remaking of Mythography

through the Nineteenth Century.” *Victorian Studies* 47.3 (2005). 5 March 2008 <<http://muse.jhu.edu/search> [<http://muse.jhu.edu/search>]>

Annotation:

The journal article focuses mainly on the comparisons of mythology to other religions. The article also goes into detail on how they include Greek Mythology in literature books and consider them poems in some aspect. The article is not very useful to research because the author is just basically discussing her opinions and there is not a lot of facts within the article. The article is reliable because it has undergone editing and peer review. The article was helpful to a certain extent because it explained Greek mythology on a personal aspect rather than entertainment to the reader.

Citation:

Dorothy Willner. “The Oedipus Complex, Antigone, and Electra: The Woman as Hero and Victim.” *American Anthropologist, New Series* 84.1 (1982). 5 March 2008 <<http://www.jstor.org/?cookieSet=1> [<http://www.jstor.org/?cookieSet=1>]>

Annotation:

The journal article focuses on the Greek mythology from a female perspective. The article also explains how women were more important to Greek mythology than they were actually portrayed. The article is useful because it explains rare information about Greek mythology that most people tend to ignore. The journal article is reliable because the author is a highly educated scholar that explains organized information. The journal article was a good source because it had unique information that explained how women were just as important to the men in Ancient Greece.

Newspaper Article:

Citation:

Wilford, John Noble. “An Altar Beyond Olympus for a Deity Predating Zeus.” *The New York Times* 5 February 2008. 22 April 2008 <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/05/science/05zeus.html?_r=1&scp=2&sq=Greek%20Mythology&st=nyt&oref=slogin [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/05/science/05zeus.html?_r=1&scp=2&sq=Greek%20Mythology&st=nyt&oref=slogin]>.

Annotation:

The newspaper article focuses on many different artifacts that was found in the region of Greece known as Acadia at an altar that was devoted to Zeus. The article discusses how they found the ashes, bones, and other evidence of animal sacrifices to Zeus and many other gods and goddesses. The newspaper article is very reliable because it has current information for everyone including experts. The article is very interesting because it goes into detail on how many artifacts that were being used to give to Zeus are being discovered today.

Additional Sources:

Citation:

“Greek Mythology.” *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. 17 Apr 2008, 16:17 UTC. Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. 14 Apr 2008 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_Mythology [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_Mythology]>.

Annotation:

The encyclopedia basically talks about a little bit of every topic without discussing them in great detail, which includes the family tree of the gods and goddesses, the religion of Ancient Greece, the periods in which they are, and many other topics. The encyclopedia is very useful because it has so much information and it goes into full detail of everything. The information is not completely reliable because the information comes from different people that add information as they please, so you can not tell if it is true or not. The information was a bit overwhelming because they have a link to each important topic.

Citation:

“Greek Mythology.” *Encyclopedia Britannica*. 2008. Encyclopedia Britannica Online. 14 Apr 2008

<<http://www.search.eb.com/eb/article-9110628> [<http://www.search.eb.com/eb/article-9110628>]>

Annotation:

This electronic reference source focuses mainly on Greek culture, which explains their lifestyle and how they lived. It also discussed their religion and their legends. The reference source is useful because it explains who composed the stories, and whether they were used for entertainment or to explain natural events. The reference source is reliable because it is based on factual information. The reference source is very helpful because it explains three important different topics.

Citation:

Christian Williams, Kevin Sorbo, Anthony Quinn, Roma Downey, Michael Hurst, Lucy Lawless, and Lucy Liu. *Hercules, the Legendary Journey*. Season Four. Troy, MI: Dist. by Anchor Bay Entertainment, 2003.

Annotation:

The television series focuses on Hercules and his companion Iolaus traveling through Ancient Greece saving many lives and destroying bad demons and gods. The television series is very useful because it has many episodes each with different adventures that show you how Hercules became a legend in Greek Mythology. The series is very reliable because it is a primary source with a lot of information. The series is amazing because it goes into detail of every aspect of the Heroes life and continues on unlike a movie.

Citation:

Richardson, Donald. *Great Zeus And All His Children: Greek Mythology For Adults*. Englewood Cliffs (NJ): Prentice-Hall, 1984.

Annotation:

The book focuses mainly on Zeus' children and who their mothers were. It also briefly talks about the reasons why he laid with so many women. It is very useful if you want to know more about the personal lives of the gods and goddesses but not real helpful with the myth aspect. The book is completely reliable but at times the author is giving information to just entertain the reader and not help the reader. It is a strong source but it does not focus on the stories of Greek mythology consistently but it breaks down the important gods and goddesses.