

Reading

Thematic Overview

'Myths and Legends of Greece' – Marcia Williams

Myths and Legends of Greece is a captivating collection that recounts the exciting tales of famous heroes, gods, and magical creatures from Greek mythology, bringing to life the timeless stories and important lessons that shaped the culture of ancient Greece.

English

After reading a particular myth or legend, pupils can write diary entries describing the key events from their viewpoint. This helps them practice summarising events and expressing personal feelings about the happenings.

As a fun twist, pupils can create fictional interviews with characters from the myths. They can write a report based on the character's responses, practicing quotation writing and developing their ability to write in a journalistic style.

Art

Greek pottery often features intricate designs and storytelling scenes. pupils can learn about common motifs, such as animals, gods, and heroes, and then create their own pottery designs using paper plates or clay. This hands-on activity can help them understand the importance of visuals in storytelling.

Geography

Many of the myths are set in sunny, warm environments, reflecting the Greek landscape. This can lead to engaging conversations about how the environment shaped Greek mythology and their way of life, as well as people's preferences for different climates.

The rich narratives from these myths can spark interest in Greece as a travel destination, encouraging discussions about historical places related to these stories, such as ancient ruins and sites, and highlighting how mythology continues to attract visitors to Greece today.

Science

The stories often mention items that are made from various materials (e.g., weapons, clothing, tools). pupils can investigate the properties of different materials mentioned in the myths (wood, metal, stone) and discuss why certain materials are chosen for specific purposes.

Technology

Following the reading of myths, pupils can be set a challenge where pupils must build a model of the Trojan Horse using various materials (like cardboard, paper, or LEGO). They can document their building process with photos or videos using tablets or cameras.

History

The book highlights significant characters and tales from Greek myths that have influenced many aspects of today's world, such as literature, art, and philosophy, demonstrating how ancient Greece continues to affect our lives today.

These stories provide a window into what the ancient Greeks believed, valued, and practised, helping readers understand their perspective on life and how they explained natural events through their gods and heroes.

