

**Summer Reading Assignment**  
**Pre-IB ELA Grade 9**  
**Eastside High School**  
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**Due: Monday, August 11th, 2025**

**Required Text:** *Lust, Chaos, War, and Fate - Greek Mythology: Timeless Tales from the Ancients* by Jason Boyett.

**Overview:** In this mini-research project you are going to research a Greek god or goddess and answer several questions about them. You will be responsible for typing up research notes **based on the questions listed below**. You will also produce a visual aid in the form of a poster that displays your god/goddess. You are permitted to use both the book and internet resources to complete this assignment. *Research note:* You may not use Wikipedia, Ask.com, personal blogs, or other unreliable sources for your information. I will provide a list of helpful websites for you.

**Questions:** Make sure that you type your answers up in a Microsoft Word file or Google Document and **PRINT THEM OUT. Do not email them to me.** You will turn them in with your poster on the first day of school.

1. Name of your god/goddess.
2. What are the powers and character traits associated with your god/goddess?
3. Can you find a specific myth or story that shows how your god/goddess attained these powers? What are some examples/stories that show your god/goddess's character traits?
4. What are the special symbols (objects) or animals that are associated with your god/goddess?
5. How did these symbols, objects, or animals come to be associated with your god/goddess?
6. What relatives (parents, siblings, spouse, children, etc. ) does the god/goddess have? Or you can show a Family Tree covering their family links.
7. Choose one myth in which your god/goddess is the main character and summarize it. The myth should show how a particular symbol or animal came to be associated with your God/Goddess or show something significant about your god/goddess' personality or powers or teach some deeper message within the myth portraying your deity.
8. What other identifying characteristics or interesting facts have you discovered about your god or goddess?

9. Do a Google search for your god. How is your god's name used in society today? List several examples. I.e the Apollo Theater in New York (Apollo is the god of music).

**Poster:** You will be responsible for creating a visual aid for your Greek god/goddess.

- You can use **white** posterboard only, no color.
- Your god/goddess must be created by hand (drawn or painted). It cannot be produced digitally in any form.
- You **must** use color in your illustration.
- Your god/goddess **must** be performing some type of *action* relative to their mythology. For example, if you choose Artemis, the goddess of the hunt, you could depict her drawing a bow and arrow.
- The effort that you put into your poster is just as important as the research aspect.

**Helpful Websites:**

- <https://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/olympians.html>
- <https://pantheon.org/mythology/greek/>
- <https://www.mythweb.com/today/index.html>
- <https://paleothea.com/>
- [https://ancientgreece.com/s/Main\\_Page/](https://ancientgreece.com/s/Main_Page/)

If you have any questions or need clarity on any part of the project, please feel free to contact me this summer via email. I look forward to meeting you all and having a great year together. Best of luck!

Ms. Thomas