

3rd Grade STA Reading: May 4-8, 2020

Hello, 3rd graders!! I miss you and I pray for you! Keep reading every day!!

Review the characteristics of **folktales, fables, fairy tales, tall tales** and **legends**. How are these types of folktales different from each other? (See bottom of page for answers)

This week we will learn about **myths**. Myths are fictional stories that include *gods, goddesses and titans* (giant super-humans) as characters. Myths were written to *explain the creation* of the world. Many cultures have their own myths, however, the most well-known are the Greek and Roman myths.

Read the story of Helios and Phaethon. Try to identify what part of creation is being explained. <https://greece.mrdonn.org/greekgods/sunchariot.html>

I will summarize the story using a one-sentence summary. *Phaethon drove the sun carelessly across the sky and he fell out of his chariot when Zeus threw lightning bolts at it.*

What part of creation is explained and how? *Deserts were created when Phaethon drove the sun too close and dried up the earth. The Milky Way was created when the chariot raced across the sky leaving a trail behind it. Phaethon's sisters cried for him, so Zeus changed them into poplar trees.*

Homework: Read the following myths. Summarize them in one sentence each, and identify what part of creation is being explained. Write your answers in complete sentences on lined paper using the format below. Email your completed work to mmyler@gtacs.org on or before Friday, May 8, 2020

Zeus and Prometheus <https://greece.mrdonn.org/greekgods/prometheus.html>

Pandora's Box <https://greece.mrdonn.org/greekgods/pandora.html>

Title of the myth

1. One-sentence summary describing what the myth is about
2. What part of creation is being explained and, according to the myth, how was it created?

(Folktales: stories told for many generations, to teach the young and to entertain)

(Fables: short, teach a moral, characters are often animals who speak and can use reason.)

(Fairy tales: good vs evil characters, fantasy, contain magic)

(Tall tales: extreme exaggeration, characters show great strength or skill, explain landmarks)

(Legends: about real people who did great things, told to inspire others, might contain slight exaggeration)