

ENGL 2631 - Mythology in Literature

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Course Description

2631. Mythology in Literature. Introductory study of myths, chiefly classical, with some attention to their origins and cultural significance, and of literary works, both classical and modern, in which myths are used. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	The Odyssey a Graphic Novel	Gareth Hinds	
Required	The Epic of Gilgamesh a Graphic Novel	Kevin Dixon	
Required	Norse Mythology	Neil Gaiman	

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	What Is Myth?	Intro to Mythology	Reading Response
8/31	Mythology of Creation	Creation Myths Across Culture	Reading Response
9/7	Persephonie, Medusa, Innana	Goddesses	PowerPoint Response
9/14	Theseus, Belaphoron, Gookachek	Hero Myths	Paper #1: Pick a Modern Hero
9/21	Gilgamesh	Monomyth	Peer Review Workshop
9/28	Gilgamesh	Summarian Mythology	Reading Response
10/5	Gilgamesh	Summarian Mythology	Paper #2: Favorite Passage Gilgamesh
10/12	Meek the Olympians	Greek Mythology	Peer Review Workshop
10/19	Stories of Odysseus	Greek Mythology	Reading Response
10/26	Iliad & Odyssey	Greek Mythology	Reading Response
11/2	Odyssey	Greek Mythology	Reading Response
11/9	Odyssey	Greek Mythology	Research PAper
11/16	Norse Gods & Goddesses	Norse Myth	Workshop
11/23	Norse Myths	Norse Mythology	Reading Response
11/30	Norse Myths	Norse Mythology	PowerPoint Response
12/7	Norse Myths & Final Paper	Norse Mythology	Final Paper & Response PowerPoint

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