**NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL SYLLABUS**

**MYTHOLOGY**

**SEMESTER-ONE**

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Website: [hoffmanshomepage.weebly.com](http://hoffmanshomepage.weebly.com/) English CATS Hours: Mondays, 2:45-3:45

**TEXTS:**

Teacher-selected texts, Rick Riordan’s *Percy Jackson’s Greek Gods*, Edith Hamilton’s *Mythology*, short stories, articles

**Mythology Website**: (see above)

The course website offers students a variety of resources including links to mythology resources. More importantly, it summarizes what happens each day in class, allowing students the opportunity to stay caught up and on top of homework assignments. Absent students are expected to check the website to complete missed in-class assignments and stay up to date on homework/performance requirements.

**Course Overview**: The Mythology course is designed to look myth as history and as literature. Mythology students explore a variety of myths, legends and heroic tales from Greek, Roman, Viking, Celtic, Native American and other cultures through literature, art, and film. Students will also learn how these stories have influenced our own culture through a variety of texts, in-class study guides and original literary, dramatic, and/or artistic projects.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Attendance/Participation in classroom discussions
2. Daily notes, class work and composition notebook
3. Class projects
4. Assessments

**GRADING POLICY:**

Overall: 80% semester work – 20% final exam

Semester work: 80% projects/essays/assessments (summative) – 20% assignments (formative practice)

Credit is earned by achieving an average of 59.5%.

**ASSESSMENTS**:

Formative Assessments:

Composition Notebooks

Classroom Assignments

Summative Assessments:

Essays

Tests/Quizzes

Projects

Final Cumulative Exam

**CLASSWORK:** These activities will vary from class to class. You will be asked to participate, work with others in groups, and write responses in your composition notebook.

**COMPOSITION NOTEBOOK:** Respond to prompts, take notes, write down quotes, consider stories and write responses. I will collect them once per month. If you are absent, please either check with me or another student to receive the missed prompts.

**EXAM:** Our exam will be project based and will be cumulative. Expect to use names, quotes, definitions and notes.

**COURSE CONTENT**:

Beliefs and the need to make sense of the world

Greek myth, stories, and legends

Creation Tales from the World

Heroes and Monsters

The Hero’s Journey

Tragic Figures, Lovers, Legacy

Olympians

Myths’ influence on current societal, emotional, and cultural beliefs and understanding

Original texts

**Classroom Info and Policies:**

• Make up quizzes/tests to be done on an individual basis

• Please no soft drinks in class - spills make a huge mess. Water is permitted and encouraged.

• Cell phones use will not be permitted in class. These severely inhibit interpersonal communication and cause a distraction. Phones should be on silent and in backpacks. Thank you for respecting this.

• Respect of fellow students and the teacher must be demonstrated at all times. Sharing ideas either within a small group or with the entire class is a significant fear for many; therefore, attentive, respectful and active listening is critical.