

## Greek Mythology Vocabulary

*Be sure to copy these words and definitions into your literature notebook.*

### Outline #1

1. Myth - an ancient, anonymous story about supernatural gods and heroes and would explain many things which occur in nature.
2. Ancient – very old
3. Anonymous – author not known
4. Supernatural – having super powers
5. God – deity, immortal; cannot die
6. Hero – Demi-god – a human with one parent as a god/super human; powerful
7. Poets - storytellers
8. Hesiod – creator of *Theogony*
9. Theogony – the story of the Creation of the Universe/gods
10. Homer – creator of *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*
11. Epic – a long poem of great adventures
12. Mt. Olympus – home of the Olympian gods
13. Underworld – land of the dead
14. Oceanus – the river encircling the earth
15. River Styx – river of life separating earth from the underworld
16. Charon – the ferryman who ferries the dead to the underworld
17. Elysian Fields – a special place reserved for the most respected dead
18. Immortal – can never die
19. Prophetic – to see the future
20. Oracle – to communicate with the gods; a temple or priest