

Greek Mythology - Outline #1

Definitions/History/Beliefs

I. Definition of myth –

A. Elements of a myth –

1. Supernatural forces exist –
2. Interprets or explains
3. Details human qualities or flaws
4. Expresses a culture's view of the universe –
5. Other common elements

II. History of Greek Myths –

A. Greek Civilization –

1. Oral versions –
2. Written versions –

B. Main Sources – Homer and Hesiod

C. Beliefs – cultural understanding

1. Earth –
2. Mt. Olympus –
3. Underworld –
4. Oceanus –
5. Mediterranean (*Middle of the Lands* in Latin)
6. In the north lived the Hyperboreans –
7. In the south lived the Ethiopians.
8. To the west were the Elysian Fields.