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Mythology, Folklore, and Fairy Tale Unit Study Guide

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1. What are myths and folktales?
2. What are myths about?
3. List three things myths attempt to explain:
4. There are two main types of myths. What are they?
5. Which were the first myths told by humans?
6. What is the "Golden Age"?
7. What was the role(s) of gods and goddesses in Origin Myths?
8. What is the story line in almost all flood myths?
9. What is the origin of the word "myth"?
10. There are seven main functions of a myth. List them below:
11. Both myths and folklore have been passed on generation to generation by:
12. Which is more focused on religion: myths or folklore?
13. What other genre of stories do folktales include?
14. How do the characters of folktales usually survive?

15. List the ways in which myths and folklore differ:
16. From what area of the world did the Cherokee originate?
17. Who were the characters in the Cherokee creation myth?
18. What were some of the natural phenomenonons that myth explained?
19. From what area of the world did the Norse originate?
20. Who were the characters in the Norse creation myth?
21. What were some of the natural phenomenonons that myth explained?
22. Who were the characters in the Japanese creation myth?
23. What were some of the natural phenomenonons that myth explained?
24. Who were the characters in the African creation myth (The Golden Chain)?
25. What were some of the natural phenomenonons that myth explained?
26. From what area of the world did the Celts originate?
27. Who were the characters in the Celtic creation myth?
28. What were some of the natural phenomenonons that myth explained?
29. What are some similarities between the four creation myths we read?
30. What in phenomenon(s) in nature did the folklore “The Galah and Oolah the Lizard” explain? What was the moral of the story?

31. What in phenomenon(s) in nature did the folklore “Mullyangah, the Morning Star” explain? What was the moral of the story?
32. What was the moral of the folklore “The Jaguar and the Little Skunk”?
33. Who/what is Saci? What are some of the more mischievous things he does?
34. What in phenomenon(s) in nature did the folklore “The Boy of the Red Twilight Sky” explain? What was the moral of the story?
35. What is the main purpose of fairy tales?
36. Write down the characters, role of animals, and moral of “The Pied Piper”:
37. Write down the characters, role of animals, and moral of “Rapunzel”:
38. Write down the characters, role of animals, and moral of “The Frog King”:
39. Write down the characters, role of animals, and moral of “Hansel and Gretel”:
40. Through what means do the Ancient Greeks still speak to us today?
41. Around when was Greece first inhabited?
42. According to popular belief, who is the main author of Greek mythology?
43. Who is Cronos? What was his role in mythology?
44. What is Zeus’ role in mythology? What is he the god of? Where was he born?
45. Who are Zeus’ two most well-known brothers?
46. When the Ancient Greeks projected stories onto the gods, what did it allow them to safely do?

47. Describe Poseidon, his way of life, his powers, and his symbols:
48. Describe the contest between Poseidon and Athena. What happened? Who won? What were the phenomena explained?
49. Of what is Hades the god?
50. Who is Hades' wife?
51. Hades is the equivalent of heaven, hell, and limbo. What is limbo? Into which do most people go when they die? What is the Greek equivalent of heaven?
52. Describe Tartarus.
53. How were the heavens, the sea, and the underworld divided up between Hades, Poseidon, and Zeus?
54. What is an oracle?
55. Who is Perseus' father? How did his mother get pregnant? Why did his grandfather not like him?
56. Who is King Polydectes? On what mission did he send Perseus?
57. What is a gorgon? Who is the only mortal gorgon?
58. How did Perseus kill Medusa? With whose help?

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