



# Pathfinder: World Myths

This pathfinder will help you research myths for the Mythology Course and World Perspectives Quarter Projects

## Search Tools:

When you are in the library you can use one of our two catalog lookup stations to find books that you need. From any computer in the high school you can access the our catalog by using the URL 10.1.9.75:8080 or from home access the catalog from our website (via the link on the Keene High School website).

## Introductory Materials:

Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation along with other terms and ideas to expand your search.

## Terms and Keywords:

Use Alexandria, our on-line catalog, to look for your book sources. You may try specific words to find your subject such as 'Poseidon'. But also remember to think beyond your subject to broader terms like 'Native American myths' and use the index in the back of the book for your specific subject.

The following are some terms you might want to use when searching our catalog:

World Myths  
Myths  
Legends  
Folklore  
Tales  
Mythology

## Dewey Numbers:

We organize our books by the Dewey Decimal system. These are some of the areas you will find books on World Mythology:

201.3- religion sources  
292 - 299 - myths organized by countries  
398.2 - general Myth and Mythology area  
398.21-398.27 - tales and lore on a specific topic

## Reference

The books with reference stickers on them **cannot** be checked out; however, you may make copies of the pages you need from these books. Don't forget to make a copy of the title page for your Works Consulted. Here are a few of the books we have in the reference section on Mythology.

REF 133 MAN	Man, myth and magic: the illustrated encyclopedia of mythology, religion and the unknown
REF 201.3 MCL	Myth: myths and legends of the world explored
REF 201.3 UXL	UXL Encyclopedia of World Mythology
REF 202.11 GOD	Gods, Goddesses, and Mythology

## Websites

When you google a topic you can literally get millions of websites. It is difficult to know whether you have a reputable website or not. Websites with the suffix .edu and .org are usually reliable. Make sure the .com websites are credible. Here are some websites you can use:

[www.artsmia.org/world-myths](http://www.artsmia.org/world-myths) - a good site that connects art with mythology

<http://www.mythome.org/mythhome.htm> - organized by countries, cultures, or time period

<http://www.pantheon.org/> - Encyclopedia Mythica offers over 7, 000 entries on all types of mythology

<http://www.greekmythology.com/> - everything you want to know about Greek mythology including recipes

## Additional Reading:

The following fiction books, many set in modern times, use mythological characters in the stories. Reading these books will deepen your understanding of classic myths, and they are also very entertaining books!

*The Penelopiad* by Margaret Atwood

*King of Ithaka* by Tracy Barrett

*Goddess of Yesterday* by Caroline Cooney

*Nobody's Princess* by Esther Friesner

*American Gods* by Neil Gaimen

*Runemarks* by Joanne Harris

*The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller

*Last of the Amazons* by Stephen Pressfield

*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan