

Greek Mythology Narrative Essay

For centuries, myths helped the early Greeks understand phenomena, or puzzling events, in nature and in human life. A wild storm could be explained as the act of an angry god; falling in love might be caused by the goddess of love; or the creation of the four seasons may be explained by Zeus' sympathy for humans. Whether these myths included gods and goddesses, their actions and adventures were used as lessons that taught important Greek values to future generations.

Prompt: After researching Greek mythology examples explaining natural phenomena, write a narrative that relates your original explanation of a natural phenomenon, including the involvement of any Greek gods/goddesses. Use imagery and figurative language to develop your work.

Be sure to RUN your prompt:

Read the prompt

Underline ALL the important parts of the prompt.

Number the verbs that tell you what you are being asked to do

Final draft requirements:

- Typed and double spaced
- MLA heading
- Times New Roman, 12 pt. font
- Creative title
- 1-2 pages

Step 1--Brainstorming: Begin by brainstorming about natural phenomena.

1. Make a list of natural phenomena. (Examples: rainbows, sunset, sneezing, animals)
2. Select a phenomenon from your list that is familiar to you and that you can observe.
3. Observe or think carefully. Find out as much as you can about the natural event that you have chosen:
 - a. What does it look like?
 - b. What does it sound like?
 - c. What effect does it have on people and places?

d. What are the scientific reasons for this event?

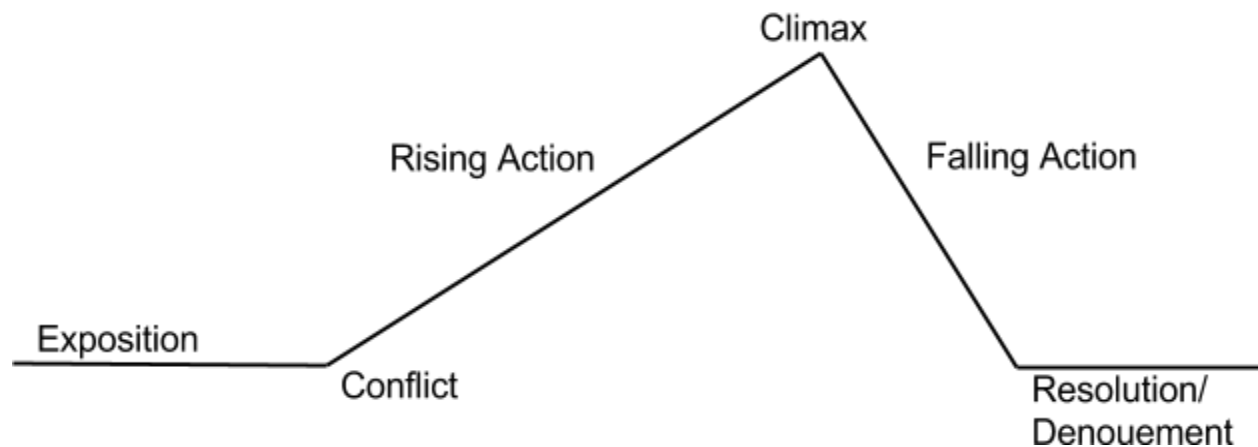
Step 2--Choose the god/goddess that will help you tell your story. Use the following to guide you in your writing by reading myths about him/her and complete the following information.

1. Greek name of god/goddess:
2. Domain (god/goddess of...):
3. Flaws/crimes/behaviors that cause trouble for this god/goddess:
4. Physical description (list ways to recognize this god/goddess):
5. Allies/Friends/Partners in crime:
6. Family relationships and influences:

Step 3--Begin drafting the background of your story using the following questions.

1. Purpose:
 - a. What is the purpose of your myth?
 - b. What natural phenomenon will your myth explain?
2. Additional Characters:
 - a. Briefly name and describe your main character, a mortal (protagonist).
 - b. Include specific character traits (physical characteristics, personality traits).
3. Give details about the setting of your story. Remember that setting includes not only time and place, but also environmental details.

Step 4--Draft your plot using the plot diagram.



Step 5--Write your first draft.

Step 6--Edit and rewrite.