

# YEAR 7 AUTUMN TERM KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: FIRE STARTERS GREEK MYTHOLOGY, FAIRY TALES AND LEGENDS



| MYTHS involve gods, goddesses or other religious figures. They are fictional and tell us |
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| stories about creation.  |

LEGENDS are based on true events but have some fictional (untrue) elements to the tale.

| Stories about creation. |  | tale.                               |  |
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| Myth                    | Plot Summary   | Legend                              | Plot Summary   |
| Prometheus              | <ul> <li>Prometheus was a Titan God.</li> <li>He created man from earth, blood and clay.</li> <li>Prometheus and Zeus opposed each other. Zeus tortured Prometheus by driving a spike through his chest and sent an eagle to feed on his liver.</li> <li>One trick included Zeus eating a pile of bones. As punishment, Zeus took fire from mankind, which left them cold and in the dark.</li> <li>Prometheus secretly climbed Mount Olympus to steal the fire. He gave it to the humans. Zeus swore his revenge.</li> </ul>                | King Arthur: The Sword in the Stone | <ul> <li>Merlin, the wizard, told the Archbishop that a new king was needed for England.</li> <li>All of the knights were ordered to come to London.</li> <li>When they arrived at the church, the Archbishop showed the knights a stone with a sword stuck in the middle of it. It read: 'Only the king can take the sword from the stone.'</li> <li>Every knight tried to pull out the sword but none were successful.</li> <li>Only a young boy, named Arthur, was able to pull out the sword. He became king.</li> </ul>                                       |
| Pandora's Jar           | <ul> <li>The story of Pandora follows Prometheus' stealing of the fire.</li> <li>Zeus vowed to have his revenge on Prometheus and mankind. His revenge was Pandora.</li> <li>He asked the Gods and Goddesses to create the first woman: Pandora. She was given as a gift to Prometheus' brother, Epimetheus.</li> <li>Pandora became curious of the jar (sometimes described as a box) and opened it.</li> <li>When Pandora opened the jar (box), evil, hard work and diseases were placed on mankind. Only Hope remained inside.</li> </ul> | King Arthur: The Lady of the Lake   | <ul> <li>During a battle with a knight, King Arthur's sword, Excalibur, breaks in two.</li> <li>Merlin takes King Arthur to be treated for his battle wounds.</li> <li>They stop at a lake. The Lady of the Lake appears and returns Excalibur to King Arthur if he promises a gift to her in the future. King Arthur accepts.</li> <li>Years pass and the Lady of the Lake appears at King Arthur's castle. She asks for another knight's head (Sir Balin) as her gift.</li> <li>Sir Balin finds out. He cuts the Lady of the Lake's head off instead!</li> </ul> |

|  | remained inside. off instead!   |  |  |  |
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| FAIRY TALES are fictional stories, involving magic and supernatural elements, aimed to teach children moral lessons. |   |  |  |  |
| Fairy Tale   | Plot Summary  |  |  |  |
| The Little Mermaid   | <ul> <li>On her fifteenth birthday, the Little Mermaid is allowed to sit on the rocks at moonlight to watch the ships as the sail by.</li> <li>The Little Mermaid witnesses a shipwreck and saves the prince onboard. However, he does not remember her.</li> <li>Wishing to join the mortal (human) world, she makes a deal with the sea-witch to swap her voice for human legs.</li> <li>The Little Mermaid meets the prince on land. However, he does not realise that she saved him from the shipwreck. He marries a princess.</li> <li>Upset, the Little Mermaid vows to kill the prince and his bride. Before she can kill them, hundreds of beautiful transparent beings persuad let go of her anger and join them as a daughter of the air.</li> <li>The Little Mermaid agrees. The daughters of the air watch over mortal children's behaviour. After 300 years, they will float to heaven.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |



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## **Key Symbols**



## Pandora's Jar



Water



## **Big Ideas**

## Creation

Bringing something into existence; the creation of the universe by a God.

#### Influence

To have an effect on someone or something; the power to shape something or someone.





#### Fate

Events that are destined to happen, often regarded (thought of) as predetermined by a supernatural power and outside a

person's control.

# Morality

Social standards for good or bad behaviour and character.



#### Power

The ability or capacity to do something or act in a particular way; the ability to influence the behaviour of others or events.



Context - Myths, legends and fairy tales teach their readers moral messages.

**Moral Message:** A message or lesson a story teaches the reader. For example, in the story of The Boy who Cried Wolf, the story teaches the reader to always tell the truth; otherwise, people won't believe you when it matters.

Classical Literature: The literature of ancient Greece and Rome (1200 BC - 455 AD).

These tales were spoken aloud and recited from memory, then written onto papyrus scroll many years later. We still have fragments of original scrolls today.

Writers attempted to make the universe understandable to us. as humans. Greek mythology includes

stories that tell us how the world was created and the nature of the universe.

Twisted Fairy Tales: The original versions of popular fairy tales were much darker than today's versions. Originating in European folk stories, often designed to be parables with a moral twist: they featured painful punishments, sadistic parents and children being devoured by wild beasts - hardly the stuff of bedtime stories. Instead, they were as much warnings for children

to behave themselves as anything else discipline instilled through fear.



**Greek Gods and Goddesses:** Greek mythology includes stories that tell us how the world was created and the nature of the universe, which were based around the Titans and Olympians (Greek Gods) who were said to live on Mount Olympus – the highest mountain in Greece. Each God is associated with particular stories, powers and symbols.

The Original Sin: The belief that when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they 'fell' from perfection and brought evil into a perfect world. God told Adam that he could do anything he wanted, except eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Eve was tricked by the serpent into eating the

forbidden fruit. She gave some of the fruit to Adam and he ate it too. Adam and Eve realised that they were naked and hid in shame. God banished them from the Garden of Eden into the harsh world outside and death entered the world.





# YEAR 7 AUTUMN TERM KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: FIRE STARTERS TECHNICAL ACCURACY & KEY DEVICES



