

STM Knowledge Organiser

Year: 7

Subject: English

Unit: Myths and Legends



Core Knowledge (Fables)

- A fable is a story with a moral at the end
- Animals with human characteristics (greed, laziness) usually appear as characters in these stories.
 - Aesop's Fables, is a collection of fables credited to Aesop, a slave and storyteller believed to have lived in ancient Greece between 620 and 564 BC

Core Knowledge (Gods & Monsters)

Zeus— King of the Gods
 Poseidon— God of the sea
 Hermes— messenger of Zeus
 Aphrodite— goddess of love and beauty
 The Medusa—a serpent headed gorgon
 Minotaur— half man half bull
 Cyclops—one eyed monster
 Satyr—half man half horse

Core Knowledge (Myths & Legends)

Theseus and the Minotaur— the story of ungrateful Theseus who kills the Minotaur in the labyrinth in Crete.

Daedalus and Icarus— escape captivity with wings that melt when Icarus flies too near to the sun.

King Midas— the greedy King who wished that everything he touched turned to gold.

Heracles— The strong man who is condemned to 7 years hard labour working for King Eurystheus. The tasks he was set are known as 'The Twelve Labours of Heracles'

Key Vocabulary

fable	<i>A story that has a moral</i>
moral	<i>A meaningful message</i>
characteristic	<i>Type of behaviour</i>
mythology	<i>Stories based on myths</i>
Mount Olympus	<i>Home of the gods and goddesses</i>
messenger	<i>A deliverer of news</i>
labyrinth	<i>A maze of corridors</i>
Aegeus	<i>Father of Theseus</i>
Ariadne	<i>Daughter of King Minos</i>
ungrateful	<i>To not be thankful</i>
inventor	<i>Someone who creates</i>
statue	<i>A figure or sculpture</i>
Hydra	<i>A water serpent</i>
Cerberus	<i>Pluto's three headed dog</i>