
Myths and Storytelling

Key Stage One

Session Pack

Museum of Classical Archaeology



Welcome

Thank you for choosing the Museum of Classical Archaeology for your school visit. These notes are designed to accompany the KS1 session Mythology and Storytelling and give support to teachers visiting the museum with their classes. The session will incorporate both whole class storytelling and activities as well as small group activities.

This session is designed to be led by museum staff. We ask that group sessions are booked in advance.

The museum will provide clipboards, pencils, plain paper and the activity sheets for the KS1 session. A copy of the activity can be found in this pack if you wish to view it ahead of time. You do not need to bring anything except yourselves, but you may wish to give copies of the session pack to any teachers and helpers in your group.

You will have seen on your booking confirmation that we have some rules for group visits to keep our casts and our visitors safe. These will also be explained to your group in an age-appropriate way as part of the session.

1. Children should be accompanied by adults at all times, including visits to the toilet.
2. We are pencil only to protect our casts.
3. For the health and safety of yourselves and the casts, please do not touch or lean on the objects or their bases. In addition, be careful with using pencils near them.
4. Please do not run.
5. Eating or drinking hot drinks is not allowed in the museum, but you are welcome to bring in water bottles.
6. The museum is inside a university building, surrounded by offices, lecture rooms and a library. Please be aware of this as you move around the building.

KS1 Activity Sheet Notes

After a led session focusing on mythology and storytelling, children will be encouraged to create their own myths using the statues in our collection as inspiration. The structure of the activity sheet will be explained and we will go through an example together.

The class will be split into smaller groups and each group will sit around a statue to create their myths. You are welcome to move your group to another statue once you have finished and complete another sheet. We also encourage children to share their myths to the rest of the group.

The sheets can be completed with drawing and/or writing. The sheets, pencils and clipboards will be provided.

We recommend these statues be used for the activity, both for their location in the museum and their ability to inspire:

- Bay A: Peplos Kore (the larger painted statue)
- Bay B: Zeus (the outstretched bronze)
- Bay E: Apollo and Artemis (stood next to each other)
- Bay F: Ares (the seated figure with the sword)
- Bay K: Hercules (the very large muscled statue)

Children will be asked to sit on the floor for various parts of this session, however we have movable chairs spread around the gallery for anyone who may need them. Please contact us to let us know how we can best support any access requirements.

Myths and Storytelling Activity Sheet

Your god:

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Their skill:

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Who challenges them?

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The competition:

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How it ends:

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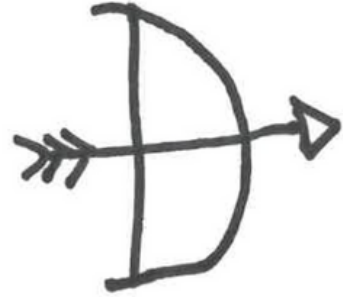
Example Activity Sheet

Your god:



Apollo.

Their skill:



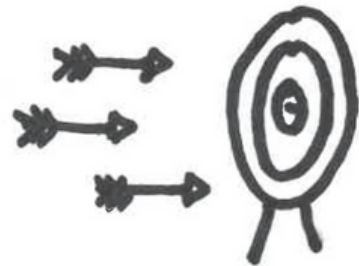
Archery.

Who challenges them?



Me!

The competition:



Shooting arrows.

How it ends:



I win and Apollo turns me into a fish that shoots water.