

**The King's Academy: English II**  
**Summer Reading Assignment 2016-2017**  
**Instructor: Mrs. McQueeney/Mrs. Collins**

**Overview:**

This summer, incoming English II students are required to read one text, do some research on mythology and create two posters incorporating ideas from both the novel and research. The text is ***Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan**. This book is readily available from libraries, bookstores, and online vendors. Students will not need to bring a copy of the text to school. Below is the relevant information for obtaining a copy:

- ***The Lightning Thief*** (Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1)  
By Rick Riordan  
ISBN: 978-0786838653

**Assignment:** Create two posters identifying various aspects of one assigned god or goddess and a mythical beast/monster depicted in ***The Lightning Thief***. **Posters are due the second day of school.** Both posters together will be worth a test grade. Late posters will be accepted, but at the penalty of ten points per day. Questions can be emailed throughout the summer to [c.mcqueeney@tka.net](mailto:c.mcqueeney@tka.net) or [h.collins@tka.net](mailto:h.collins@tka.net).

1. *Before reading the novel*, find your assigned character and mythological beast/monster on the following chart:

| Last name begins with: | Assigned god/goddess: | Assigned beast/ monster: |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| A-C                    | Zeus                  | The Furies               |
| D-F                    | Poseidon              | Satyrs                   |
| G-I                    | Hades                 | Chiron                   |
| J-L                    | Ares                  | Minotaur                 |
| M-O                    | Dionysus              | Medusa                   |
| P-R                    | Athena                | Chimera                  |
| S-Z                    | Hermes                | Cerberus                 |

2. Read the novel highlighting, underlining, or taking notes on references to your assigned god and beast. Please note that not all the characters listed above show up directly in the novel, but they are mentioned and discussed.
3. Poster #1 - God/goddess poster requirement:
  - a. Use standard size poster board (22x28), any color – no tri-fold boards, foam boards, etc
  - b. Research your god/goddess on [theoi.com](http://theoi.com) after having read the novel
  - c. On the **BACK** of the poster:
    - i. Put **your name** on the back.
    - ii. **Type 1-3 paragraphs** (no longer than one page) describing the similarities and differences of how the god/goddess is presented in the novel versus who they

were in Greek mythology (according to theoi.com). Text should be typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. font.

- iii. **Submit** these paragraphs to **turnitin.com** (instructions below). Print paragraphs and paste the typed paper to the back of the board.
  - d. Include each of the following on the **FRONT** of the poster board:
    - i. **Title**- Greek name of god/goddess
    - ii. **Subtitle** - Roman name of god/goddess
    - iii. **The realm** of the god (ex. God/goddess of the sky, sea, marriage, etc)
    - iv. **Picture** - A pictorial representation of the god/goddess. Picture may be hand-drawn or printed from another source. Include a source citation for your picture if it is not created by you. Be sure picture is appropriate; assignments with inappropriate pictures will not be accepted
    - v. **Symbol** - A picture and listing of the god's symbol(s) – ex. The god Hephaestus' symbols are a volcano, hammer, and anvil
    - vi. **Characteristics** - A list of the god's characteristics and/or what they are known for
    - vii. **Family Tree** -The god's family tree (does not need to go beyond one generation above and below)
    - viii. **Quotes** – choose 1-3 significant quotes from the novel about/from your god/goddess and type or hand write them on poster
4. Poster #2 - Mythical Beast/Monster poster
- a. Use a half size regular poster board (14x22) – no foam board, tri-fold boards, etc.
  - b. Research your monster/beast on theoi.com after having read the novel
  - c. Include each of the following on the **FRONT** of the poster board:
    - i. **Title** – name of monster/beast
    - ii. **Picture** - Picture may be hand-drawn or printed from another source. Include a source citation for your picture unless it is created by you. Be sure picture is appropriate; assignments with inappropriate pictures will not be accepted.
    - iii. **Family Tree or Origin** – draw a family tree or explain the origin of the monster/beast
    - iv. **Quotes** – choose 1-3 significant quotes from the novel about/from your monster/beast. Type/print or hand-write them on the front of the poster
    - v. **Description/Characteristics/History** - List or describe in sentences what your monster/beast is known for

### **Turnitin.com instructions:**

#### **For students new to TKA:**

1. Go to turnitin.com
2. Click on 'Create an Account'
3. Enter your email and your own password
4. Once in the system, click on add a class
5. Enter class ID: 15196203 (for McQueeney) or 15196804 (for Collins)
6. Enter class password: WORDSMATTER (for McQueeney) or MYTHOLOGY (for Collins)
7. Click on class, then click on assignment 'Summer reading'
8. Submit assignment either by downloading document or cutting and pasting.

For returning TKA students:

1. Log on to your already existing turnitin account with your email and password.
2. Click on Add Class
3. Enter class ID: 15196203 (for McQueeney) or 15196804 (for Collins)
4. Enter class password: WORDSMATTER (for McQueeney) or MYTHOLOGY (for Collins)
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**Mythology Poster Rubric:**

| ITEM   | POINTS POSSIBLE | POINTS EARNED | COMMENTS |
|--|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>Poster #1 – God or goddess</b>            |                 |               |          |
| Compare/contrast paragraphs on back          | 15              |               |          |
| Title  | 5               |               |          |
| Subtitle                                     | 5               |               |          |
| Realm  | 5               |               |          |
| Picture                                      | 5               |               |          |
| Symbol                                       | 5               |               |          |
| Characteristics                              | 5               |               |          |
| Family Tree                                  | 5               |               |          |
| Quotes                                       | 10              |               |          |
| Neatness/Presentation                        | 10              |               |          |
| <b>Poster #2 – Mythical monster or beast</b> |                 |               |          |
| Title  | 5               |               |          |
| Picture                                      | 5               |               |          |
| Family tree/origin                           | 5               |               |          |
| Quotes                                       | 10              |               |          |
| Description                                  | 10              |               |          |
| Neatness/Presentation                        | 10              |               |          |
| Total/Grade                                  |                 |               |          |