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INTRODUCTION TO GREEK MYTHOLOGY

ALLUSIONS YOU MAY KNOW



Atlas

“He’s got the weight of the world on his shoulders.”

This describes a person who has lots of responsibilities and worries about how they can possibly do it all.

This phrase alludes to Atlas, a Titan who holds the earth and heavens on his shoulders.

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Presentation and Worksheet



DON'T HAVE POWERPOINT?

THE GREEK WORD "THEOS"

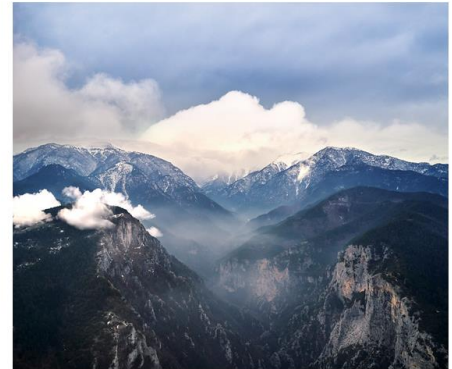


Athena

- In Greek, the word *theos* means "gods." In English, we use "theos" to make new words:

IS MOUNT OLYMPUS REAL?

- Yes, Mount Olympus is a real place!
- Mount Olympus is a mountain in Greece.
- It is also the highest point in Greece.
- The 12 major Greek gods were said to live on Mount Olympus.
- Mount Olympus is real, but there is no palace of the gods at the top.



Mount Olympus is the highest point in Greece.

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KNOWLEDGE CHECKS

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What does the Greek word *theos* mean?

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KNOWLEDGE CHECK!

What is this temple called? Which goddess does it honor?



The presentation has three sections: Introduction, Allusions, and Ancient Greece. Each section includes a few questions at the end to check for understanding.

LITERARY TERMS

THE ORAL TRADITION



- Greek myths have been told and retold for more than 2700 years!
- When stories are passed down for generations, they are said to be part of the oral tradition.

- Stories told in the oral tradition
- Pronunciations of god and goddess names
- The names are not always the same

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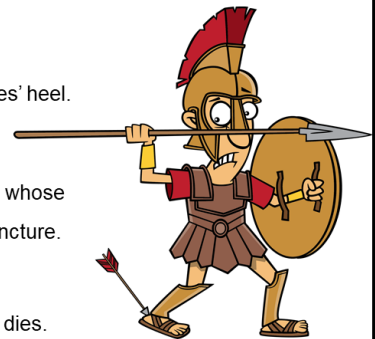
“It’s her Achilles’ heel.”

An Achilles’ heel is a strong person’s weakness.

As strong as they are, superheroes always have an Achilles’ heel.

“Achilles Heel” alludes to the story of the warrior Achilles, whose heel was the only part of his body that an arrow could puncture.

Spoiler alert: An arrow to the heel is exactly how Achilles dies.



Includes literary terms: allusion, oral tradition, and using the Greek word “theos” to make other words (theology, polytheism, monotheism).

EDITABLE TEXT

ROMAN MYTHOLOGY

- Many of the Greek gods and goddesses have two names: Greek and Roman.
- The Greek gods came first.
- The Roman E... their stories a...
- Roman mytho... too. Not all of... from Greek m...



WHERE IS GREECE?

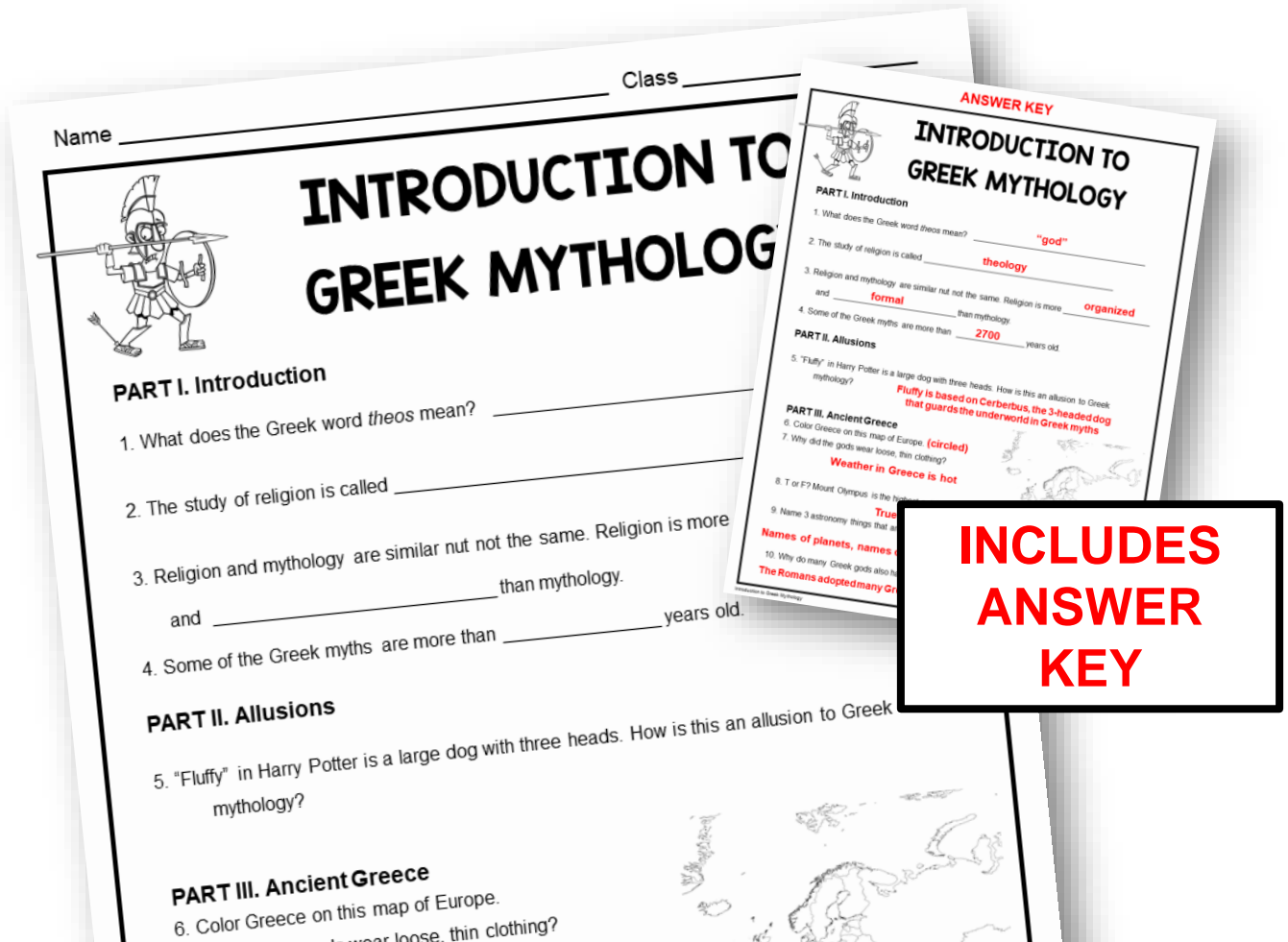
- Greece is a country in Europe.
- It borders the Mediterranean Sea.
- Greece contains over 200 islands.
- It was not called Greece in ancient times.
- Ancient Greece was made up of smaller city-states like Athens, Sparta, Corinth, and Thebes.
- Ancient Athens was the first working model of democracy in the world.



Greece is in southern Europe,
along the Mediterranean Sea.

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EDITABLE WORKSHEET



Students can reinforce their listening skills by answering questions on the worksheet as they listen. All questions come straight from the presentation.