

Class Name: Sixth Grade ELA

Unit Title/Focus: Ancient Culture – Short Story/Legend/Historical

Grade Level: 6

Texts Examined: [Houghton Mifflin Reading](#)

-Literary-

“Arachne the Spinner” by Geraldine McCaughrean

“Guitar Solo” by Geraldine McCaughrean

“How Music Was Fetched Out of Heaven” by Geraldine McCaughrean

-Informational-

“The Hero and the Minotaur” by Robert Byrd

“Animals Myths and Legends” ([video](#))

“Legends of Mythological Trees” by [Gregory Myers](#)

Writing: (Expository, Narrative, Journal Writings)

Analysis of the three “Literary Readings” (Expository, Narrative)

Short answers to essential questions for each selection (Expository)

Journal Writings/Essays (Narrative, Expository)

Focus: Myths

[writing process](#)

[Basic Proofreading Essay](#)

Speaking:

Group discussion

Presentation/Sharing

Viewing:

Aforementioned videos, Library books, and photographs

Listening:

Note taking during “whisper reading” (editing stage)

Project(s):

Design and color a picture or cartoon of a mythical god or goddess and include symbols, facts, etc.

Notes:

Standard vocabulary and grammar/punctuation instruction accompanies every unit.