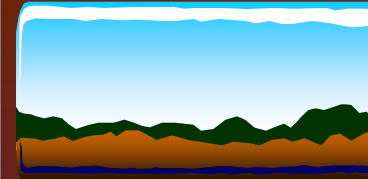


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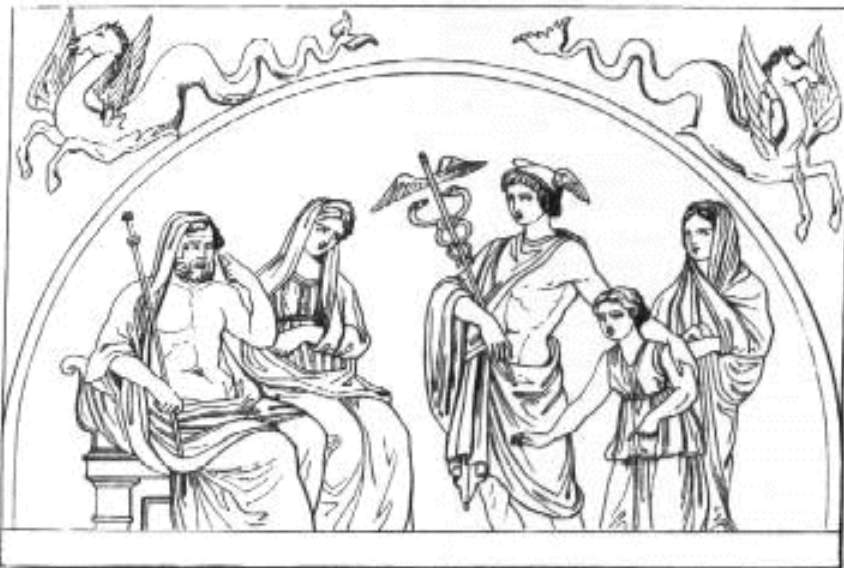


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# Myths

## Stories From the Beginning of Time



Encyclopedia Mythica  
<http://www.pantheon.org/>



# What is a myth?

- ❖ An ancient story dealing with supernatural beings, ancestors, and heroes.
- ❖ It explains the view of a group of people

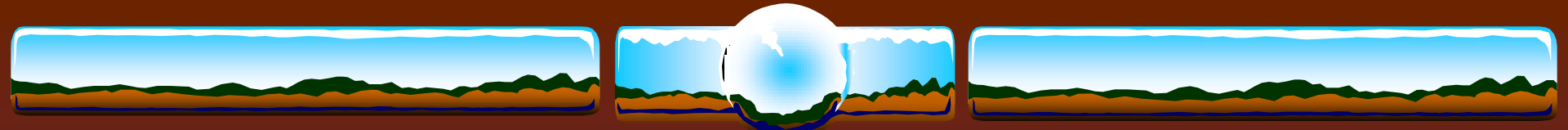




# Which cultures have myths?

- ❖ Every culture has its own mythology
- ❖ Universal symbols and themes appear in different cultures' myths
- ❖ Greek, Roman, Native American, Celtic, South American, African, and Norse mythology are examples of myths from different cultures





# What are some characteristics of myths?

- ❖ Contain heroes and heroines
- ❖ Supernatural elements
- ❖ Gods and goddesses
- ❖ Explains a natural phenomenon
- ❖ Told orally (spoken)





# Why did ancient people tell myths?

- ❖ To help explain the unexplainable
- ❖ To explain natural phenomenon
- ❖ To tell about their heroes
- ❖ To explain human nature
- ❖ To teach morals and values





# Why do we still study mythology?

- ❖ To learn about ancient cultures
- ❖ As inspiration for the arts
- ❖ To teach values and morals
- ❖ For entertainment



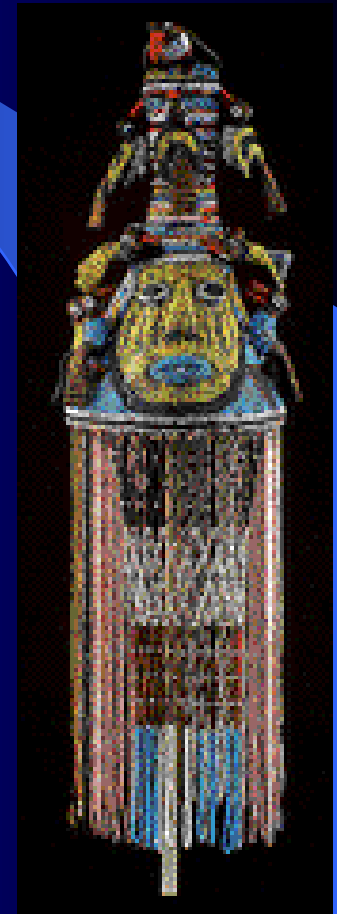


# What Myths Can You Think

# Of?



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# The word mythology is Greek in origin (etymology)

- Muthos= story
- Logo= speech or argument