

Latin 6th grade (5<sup>th</sup> going into 6th grade)

Summer Reading - **to be completed by the first day of school**

Only for students who are enrolled in Latin as their language!

**Students need the following materials for their summer reading:**

- I. Book: *D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths*, Doubleday & Company, New York  
(This book does not need to be purchased for school; you may rent it from the library!)
- II. Roman and Greek Gods: 100 question multiple choice test (below) This will be your first test grade of the year, so double check your answers!

**The purpose of reading mythology is to become familiar with the ancient religion of Greece and Rome as part of the study of Latin and the culture of Rome. Ancient myths provide us not only with wonderful stories but they also help us understand literature of ancient & modern times and the allusions to mythology.**

- I. Students are required to read *D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths*
- II. Students are required **to complete the multiple choice test below** by circling the most correct answer. You are encouraged to use the book to help you!

Summer Reading Questions (test)

1. Gaea, Mother Earth, loved the lord of the universe: a. Cronus b. Uranus c. Zeus d. Pontus
2. Which were **not** the children of Gaea? a. Titans b. Olympians c. Cyclopes d. Many headed and handed ones
3. Which son defeated Uranus and became the lord of the universe? a. Cronus b. Iapetus c. Cyclops d. Argus
4. Who swallowed his own children? a. Uranus b. Cronus c. Zeus
5. What did Rhea give Cronus to eat when their 6<sup>th</sup> child was born? a. the child, Zeus b. a meatball c. a scythe d. a rock
6. Who was Zeus' first wife? a. Aegis b. Juno c. Hera d. Metis
7. Zeus' brothers were: a. Apollo and Hermes b. Hades and Hermes c. Poseidon and Hades
8. Which was NOT one of Zeus' sisters? a. Diana b. Hestia c. Demeter d. Hera
9. Which Titans did NOT fight on Zeus' side? a. Prometheus b. Epimetheus c. Cronus d. None of the above
10. Which of the following gods does NOT sit in a throne on Mt. Olympus? a. Demeter b. Apollo c. Hermes d. Hestia
11. What flowed through the veins of the gods? a. ichor b. ambrosia c. blood d. wine

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12. Why did Zeus turn Io into a cow? a. because she rejected him b. to protect her from Hera c. so he could meet her secretly
13. What was Hera's favorite bird? a. peacock b. cuckoo c. robin d. bluejay
14. Who was Hephaestus' wife? a. Artemis b. Hera c. Aphrodite d. Hestia
15. What is the name of Aphrodite's son? a. Ares b. Hermes c. Argus d. Eros
16. Who was Ares' constant companion? a. Eris b. Eros c. Aphrodite d. Famine
17. Who was born fully grown out of Zeus' head? a. Athena b. Artemis c. Metis d. Apollo
18. Who is Athena's mother? a. Metis b. Hera c. Io d. Artemis
19. Who was Athena's constant companion? a. Adidas b. Nike c. Puma d. Reebok
20. What animal did Athena turn Arachne into when she claimed to be a better weaver? a. bird b. ant c. spider d. centipede
21. Whom did Athena compete against to become the patron of Athens? a. Poseidon b. Hermes c. Zeus d. Ares
22. Which god was called the Earthshaker? a. Zeus b. Poseidon c. Hades
23. Who was Poseidon's wife? a. Aphrodite b. Artemis c. Amphitrite d. Nerea
24. What was the name of Poseidon's son? a. Triton b. Trident c. Scuttle d. Nereus
25. Where were the twins Apollo and Artemis born? a. Crete b. Athens c. Delos d. Rome
26. Who was the goddess of childbirth? a. Iris b. Leto c. Hera d. Ilithyia
27. When struck with one of Artemis' arrows, the victim received: a. painful death b. love c. painless death d. a trip to Olympus
28. Where was Delphi located? a. Mt. Olympus b. Mt. Parnassus c. Mt Aetna d. Mt. Everest
29. What was Apollo NOT the god of? a. reason b. music c. light d. none of the above
30. Which goddess never wanted to marry? a. Aphrodite b. Aetna c. Artemis d. Athena
31. What was the name of the hunter who spotted Artemis bathing? a. Aesclepius b. Apollo c. Actaeon d. Ares
32. Which Queen of Thebes offended Apollo and Artemis' mother? a. Leto b. Niobe c. Jocasta d. Ino
33. Who was the only person Artemis ever promised her hand to? a. Ephialtes b. Apollo c. Zeus d. Otus
34. How did Orion die? a. King Chios plucked out his eyes b. Artemis turned him into a spider c. A scorpion stung him d. A Cyclops stabbed him
35. Which is Hermes NOT the god of? a. teachers b. travelers c. merchants d. thieves
36. Whose cows did Hermes steal? a. Zeus' b. Apollo's c. Maia's d. Ares'

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37. What did Hermes make with the entrails of the cows? a. violin b. guitar c. ukulele d. lyre
38. Which of the following belongs to Hermes? a. a silver hat with wings b. a pair of winged sandals c. a raincoat d. none of the above
39. Why did travelers put piles of stones on the sides of roads they traveled? a. to get them out of the way b. to save them in case they needed them against thieves c. they believed Hermes was inside helping them find their way
40. Where did Hermes guide the souls of the dead to? a. river Styx b. river Charon c. river Tiber d. river Nile
41. Where did people put a coin when a family member died? a. on his eyes b. in his pocket c. under his tongue d. in his shoe
42. Cerberus was a three headed: a. dragon b. lion c. elephant d. dog
43. He was known as the: a. kind one b. cruel one c. rich one
44. Who was Hades' wife? a. Demeter b. Persephone c. Ino d. Maia
45. What was Demeter the goddess of? a. summer b. harvest c. fresh snow d. cooking
46. What happened to those who drank from the river Lethe? a. they died b. they were healed c. they were turned invisible d. they forgot who they were
47. Where were Heroes led to when they died and went to the underworld? a., Rive Lethe b. Mt. Aetna c. Elysian fields d. Hades' garden
48. What season do we experience when Persephone is in the underworld with Hades? a. Spring b. summer c. fall d. winter
49. Who was Dionysus' mother? a. Hera b. Leto c. Maia d. Semele
50. Dionysus was the god of: a. wine b. grape juice c. orange juice d. water
51. Who gave up their throne for Dionysus? a. Hades b. Hestia c. Hera d. Hermes
52. Who was Zeus' cupbearer? a. Pan b. Ganymede c. Clotho d. Captain Hook
53. Who was NOT one of the three Fates? a. Nemesis b. Clotho c. Lachesis d. Atropos
54. What gift did Prometheus want to give to humans? a. endurance b. strength c. fire
55. What animal was Prometheus doomed to have eat his liver every day? a. vulture b. eagle c. robin d. owl
56. Pandora let out which of the following miseries? a. greed b. hope c. envy d. Both a&b e. Both a&c
57. Deucalion was the son of whom? a. Hephaestus b. Epimetheus c. Prometheus d. Pyrrha
58. The Deucalion race was made from: a. clay b. stone c. wheat d. brick
59. The least important wind, the East Wind, was called: a. Boreas b. Notus c. Zephyr d. Eurus

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60. The wind we feel during the cold winter would be called: a. Boreas b. Notus c. Zephyr d. Eurus
61. This gentle wind is the warm breeze we feel in the Spring: a. Boreas b. Notus c. Zephyr d. Eurus
62. This prince was granted eternal life, but not eternal youth: a. Eos b. Apollo c. Tithonus d. Antonius
63. This sun god allowed his son to drive his chariot for one day: a. Eos b. Po c. Phaethon d. Helios
64. Which young shepherd did Selene want for a husband? a. Endymion b. Phaethon c. Helios d. Tithonus
65. Pan had the legs of what animal? a. spider b. horse c. pig d. goat
66. Which nymph was cursed by Hera to only repeat the words of others? a. Pan b. Narcissus c. Echo d. Syrinx
67. Based on the story of Narcissus, which definition best fits the meaning of the English word “narcissistic”? a. having an excessive interest in yourself b. concerned with the wishes of others c. understanding the feelings of others d. not deterred by danger or pain
68. With what did Pan make the first panpipe? a. grass b. branches c. reeds d. bones
69. Daphne turned into what type of tree instead of marrying Apollo? a. maple b. pine c. oak d. laurel
70. This centaur trained children in the true spirit of heroes: a. Ixion b. Chiron c. Pelion d. Asclepius
71. Who was the first great doctor? a. Apollo b. Chiron c. Hygeia d. Asclepius
72. The first Muse, who had a son named Orpheus, was named: a. Calliope b. Clio c. Thalia d. Erato
73. She was the muse of Comedy: a. Melpomene b. Thalia c. Euterpre d. Polyhymnia
74. In order to take Euridice back to the living world, what did Orpheus have to do? a. Sing a song for Hades b. plant flowers in Persephone’s garden c. lead her without looking at her d. step on a snake
75. Which of Europa’s sons became a judge in the underworld? a. Minos b. Sarpedon c. Radamanthus
76. Which city did Cadmus become ruler of? a. Crete b. Delos c. Thebes d. Rome
77. Who was Tantalus’ son, who had a piece of ivory as his shoulder bone? a. Orpheus b. Pelops c. Elis d. Ares
78. With what material did King Oenomaus’ stable boy make the chariot pins out of? a. wood b. steel c. wax d. concrete
79. The Olympic games started as games in the honor of who? a. Tantalus b. Oenomaus c. Cadmus d. Pelops

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80. Which of Danaus' daughters did NOT kill her husband? a. Libya b. Hypermnestra c. Danaides d. Danae
81. Who was the daughter of Acrisius and the mother of Perseus? a. Danae b. Hypermnestra c. Pelops d. Elis
82. What thing do the three grey sisters share? a. a tongue b. an eye c. hair d. nose
83. Which of the following was NOT lent to Perseus by the nymphs? a. winged sandals b. cap of invisibility c. magic bag d. Athena's shield
84. Who became the wife of Perseus? a. Athena b. Andromeda c. Danae d. Cassiopeia
85. Who did King Midas accidentally turn to gold? a. Marsyas b. his daughter c. Dionysus d. Apollo
86. Sisyphus' eternal punishment was: a. to push a boulder up a hill over and over b. have his liver eaten out by an eagle every day c. stand in a river but never be allowed to drink
87. Who gave Bellerophon a golden bridle to tame Pegasus? a. Artemis b. Apollo c. Athena d. Diana
88. The Chimera was made of all of the following animals EXCEPT: a. goat b. serpent c. wolf d. lion
89. Who was able to understand the words of animals? a. Bellerophon b. Tiryns c. Melampus d. Aesclepius
90. What was Heracles' first labor? a. Nemean lion b. cleaning the stables c. Hydra d. Boar
91. Who was the queen of the Amazons? a. Hera b. Cassiopeia c. Hippolyta d. Mycenae
92. Who picked the golden apples from Hera's tree? a. Hercules b. Prometheus c. Atlas
93. Deianira was: a. Achelous' daughter b. Hercules' sister c. Achelous' mother d. Hercules' wife
94. Who was the Minotaur's mother? a. Pasiphae b. Mina c. Aethra d. Ariadne
95. Who helped Theseus get out of the labyrinth? a. the minotaur b. Minos c. Ariadne d. Athena
96. On which island did Theseus leave Ariadne? a. Delos b. Crete c. Sicily d. Naxos
97. This man created the labyrinth: a. Aegeas b. Minos c. Heracles d. Daedalus
98. He flew too close to the sun: a. Talos b. Icarus c. Daedalus d. Minos
99. Pirithous wanted this forbidden lady as his wife: a. Athena b. Hera c. Demeter d. Persephone
100. What creature walks on four feet in the morning, two at noon, and three in the evening? a. cat b. man c. Oedipus d. sphinx