

MYTHOLOGY PATHFINDER

After you know what your research questions are, your first step is to hit the card catalog! This will search for both books in our library and websites about your topic.

Try using the search words below to get you started.

Possible Search Key Words for *Mythology* Topics

The name of your God or Goddess (e.g., Zeus, Hera, etc.)
Mythology

Dewey number for general mythology information is **940.2**.
(Be sure to check the Reference collection, too!)

Databases

Check out our library's databases first!! They have tons of reliable information about your topics, including **PRINT SOURCES** like magazine articles and articles from books, as well as multimedia content (video, images, etc.). Databases are the next best thing to books. ☺

Gale

Includes two databases. Choose the **Student Resource Center** database.

**To logon, go to <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/default>

Username and password information is available at the circulation desk in the library.

Then, type in the name of your god/goddess in the search bar on the upper right side of the page.

Don't forget to explore the hyperlinks embedded in the articles you find, and also the links along the right side of the page!

BONUS! MLA Works Cited entry is at the bottom of each article!

The screenshot shows the Gale Student Resources website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like Home, Topics, Maps, Curriculum Standards, and Resources. A search bar is visible on the right. The main content area displays a search result for 'Zeus' from the 'Myths and Legends of the World' (2000). The article text describes Zeus as the most important deity of ancient Greece, the leader of the gods, and the all-powerful overseer of earthly events and human destiny. It mentions his role in mythology, his complex and filled with contradictions, and his position as the god of law and social order. It also notes that he came to power through violent revolution and was a patron god of marriage and the household. The article further states that he was repeatedly unfaithful to his own wife, Hera, and fathered children by a variety of women. A black arrow points to the 'The Father of Gods and Men' section, which discusses the earliest accounts of Zeus in the writings of Hesiod and Homer. On the right side of the page, there is a 'Tools' section with links for Bookmark, Download, Share, Citation Tools, Email, Print, Dictionary, Translate, and Save. Below the Tools section is a 'Related Subjects' section with links for Greek mythology, Greek gods, and Roman mythology. The page also features a large image of a Native American man in traditional headdress on the right and a colorful illustration of a Greek temple on the left.

ABC-CLIO

Includes several history databases. Choose the **World History: Ancient and Medieval Eras** database.

**To logon, go to <http://socialstudies.abc-clio.com>

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The screenshot shows the ABC-CLIO database interface. The top navigation bar includes 'SWITCH DATABASES', 'ERAS', 'ANALYZE', 'ADVANCED SEARCH', and a 'Quick Search' bar with a magnifying glass icon. The main content area displays search results for 'Zeus'. On the left, a sidebar lists 'Related Entries' with categories like 'GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS', 'PLACES', 'ESSAY', 'OBJECTS & ARTIFACTS', 'OTHER ARTICLES', 'IMAGES', and 'FACTS & FIGURES'. A large black arrow points from the 'Related Entries' section towards the main article. The main article for 'Zeus' includes a brief overview of his role in Greek mythology, a section titled 'Presiding over mankind on top of Mount Olympus', and a section titled 'Zeus was married to Hera'. On the right side of the article, there are links for 'PRINT THIS DOCUMENT', 'EMAIL THIS DOCUMENT', and 'CITE THIS DOCUMENT'.

Open Websites

Google Books

Free book sources on the internet!!

- ☐ Go to **Google** and click on the **More** tab.
- ☐ Then, select **Books**.
- ☐ Type in your search terms (e.g., "Zeus")
- ☐ Then, click **Preview Available** on the left side of the page to get to the links of books with free content.

Mythology in General

Mythweb: <http://www.mythweb.com/>

A cartoon illustrated guide to many of the gods, goddesses, and heroes in mythology. A good place to start for *very basic* information.

Theoi Greek Mythology: <http://www.theoi.com/>

Includes articles, art, and extensive links to each mythological figure's story. Also includes family trees for most gods.

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

Includes family tree charts and articles about all kinds of mythology. Click the "Greek Mythology" link on the left side of the page to get to the "Genealogy Tables" (family trees).

Type in your god's name in the search bar to find information specific to that god. Be sure to choose the articles that are from "Encyclopedia Mythica"—other links will take you outside of this website and aren't necessarily credible!