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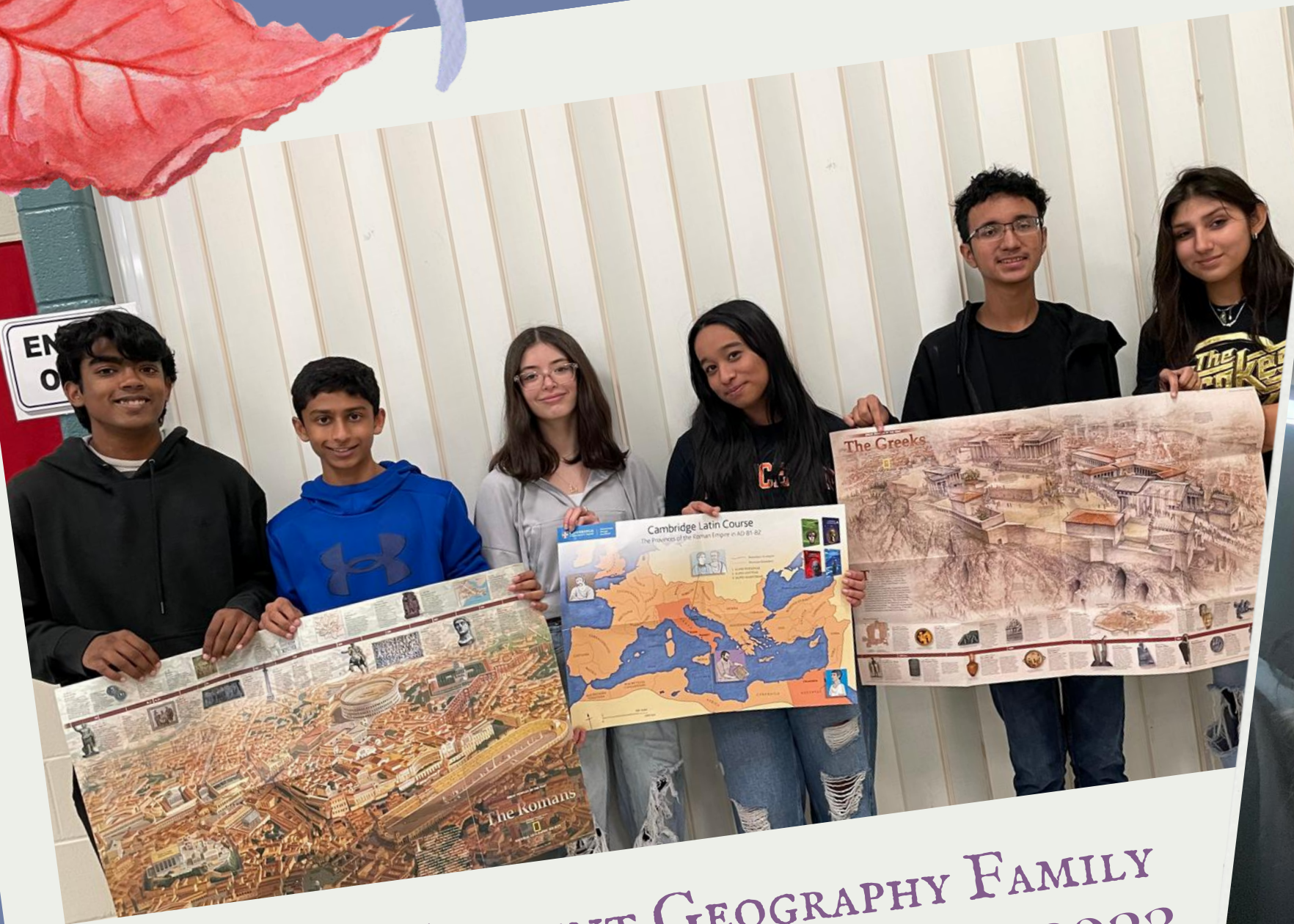
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Salvete, TSJCLers!

Tempest fugit! With half the school year gone and midterms long finished, it is definitely the most wonderful time of the year! During this holiday season, I hope many of you were able to spend time with your friends and family and have had the chance to welcome the New Year together. With February finally here, I am overjoyed to know that the TSJCL community will be coming together once again for five Area Conventions, and in the distance: the TSJCL State Convention. I am proud to say that the State Board and the student officers are working hard to make this upcoming convention at Marcus High School in Flower Mound the very best, and that your Area Chairs have worked diligently to ensure that your local conventions are perfect! If you have any questions regarding Area and State convention, please email your local Area Chair(s) or a State Officer. Write to me at editor@tsjcl.org to have your voice featured on the next issue of The Torch as well!

Now, I hope you enjoy this edition of The Torch as much as I enjoyed making it, and I wish you all the best this new year!

Cum amore semper,

Baala S.

TSJCL Editor 22-23



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President's PAGES

Salvete, v'omnes!

I hope everyone is off to a great start of the second semester! Whether you've already broken your New Year's resolutions (aka. me) or are holding true to them, this year will definitely hold a lot of great memories. For me, 2023 is a year filled with much uncertainty and anticipation: going off to college, leaving home, becoming an adult, and starting my plans for the future, it's all really scary to me as of now. But, before all those big events happen, I'm excited to spend my last few months of high school with the TSJCL at the Area and State Conventions, a place of comfort and fun.

The Area Conventions are fast approaching, with only a couple of weeks left before they happen. For all you old JCLers, keep on doing what you're doing, whether it's studying all those Latin vocabulary flashcards or practicing Certamen or putting the finishing touches on an artwork. For all you new JCLers, who might be attending their very first JCL convention, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all. Soon, you'll be whirled into all the wonderful academic and classical civilization competitions, Certamen, Ludi, and much more. You'll see just what competition season is all about, and why so many TSJCLers love convention.



After Area, be sure to look forward to the state convention! Even though it is only January, April will also be here before you know it. The whole board and I are working extremely hard to plan the best state convention we can possibly have, and I can't wait to see everyone there! Get ready for an extremely memorable time :)

For all TSJCLers, I know it sounds cliché, but I truly mean it when I say don't forget to have fun. Sometimes, we get too caught up in the competition part of Latin that we forget the real purpose of convention: to meet new people who all share a common passion and to form long-lasting friendships. At Area and State, I encourage y'all to talk to the person sitting next to you in your testing room or your opponents in Ludi volleyball. After all, wherever there's a JCLer, there is an opportunity to show kindness and make a friend.

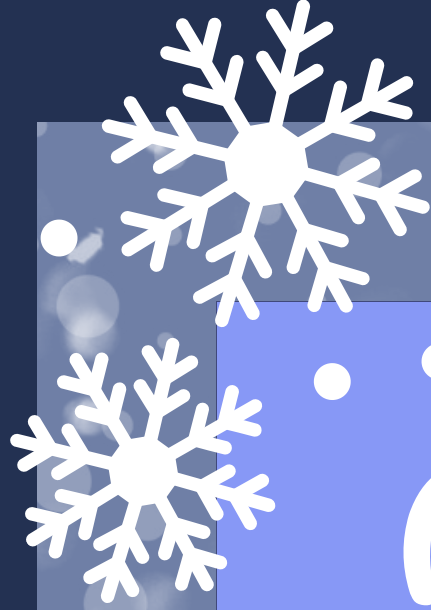
If anyone has any questions about Area or State, feel free to email me at president@tsjcl.org. As I end this letter, I wish everyone a great second semester filled with fun and success (and of course, Latin). Good luck to all at Area! I'll see some of you soon, and I can't wait to see everyone at state!

Valete!

Jacqueline H.

2022-2023 TSJCL President





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Winter Officer Reports



JACQUELINE H.

RONALD REAGAN HIGH SCHOOL, AREA B

President

She/Her

Since the Fall Board Meeting, I have revised the English Oratory judging sheets and sent out the invitation and agenda for the Winter Board Meeting. Additionally, I attended the first meeting of the Treasurer's Budgeting Committee, where we discussed potential solutions to remedy the current deficit.



MEREDITH S.

ST. ANDREW'S, AREA F

1st Vice President

She/Her

Since the Fall Board Meeting, I made the decision to order trophies from Artistic Awards. I sent an updated quote to the company and they are ready for our deposit. Additionally, I have created judging sheets for DI and Sight Latin Reading. I have also answered questions from TSJCL students and teachers regarding contests.



ELEANOR ROSE T.

FLOWER MOUND HIGH SCHOOL, AREA C

2nd Vice President

She/Her

Since the last meeting, I have revised the judging forms for the Classical Civilization contests under my purview. I have asked art teachers at FMHS, the sister school to Marcus, if they would be willing to judge contests. I am also gathering the contact information of local Classics teachers, art teachers, and professors for judging.



GLORY A.

KLEIN COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL, AREA A

Secretary

She/Her

Since the Fall Board Meeting, I have edited the Fall Board Meeting minutes, attended and took minutes for the Treasury Advisory Committee Meeting, and emailed potential speakers for colloquia at State Convention. I sent the Fall Board Meeting minutes to my chair sponsor Ms. Beinemann to be reviewed and approved.



MACY H.

LUBBOCK HIGH SCHOOL, AREA D

Outreach Coordinator

She/Her

I have helped publicize multiple announcements and events on social media. I worked with the Webmaster to share the TSJCL Art Showcase and the “How to Start and Grow Your JCL Chapter” packet; the Treasurer to share the Treasurer’s Advisory Committee, in which I attended the first meeting; and Baala to publicize the Fall Torch. I have also publicized the TSJCL Amazon Smile opportunity and worked on planning the State Service project.



AANYA P.

ST. THOMAS’ EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, AREA A

Historian

She/Her

Since the last board meeting, I’ve revised the judging forms for my assigned contests and started making plans for the scrapbook. I’ve been looking into themes and sketching a rough outline of what I would like to include in the book. I have also been compiling videos to use and gathering photos from other board members.



NATASHA C.

ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL, AREA F

Treasurer

She/Her

Since the Fall Board Meeting, I formally established the Budgeting Committee, renamed from the “Treasury Advisory Committee.” The first meeting was held on Nov. 12th, and the committee was advertised on social media, The Torch, and the TSJCL website. Additionally, I’ve updated the accounting spreadsheet, created the winter treasury report, and deposited membership due checks.



CJ V.

TOM C. CLARK HIGH SCHOOL, AREA B

Parliamentarian

He/Him

Since the last meeting, I wrote the rationale for both the Constitution and Bylaws that were reworked and amended at the Fall Board Meeting in preparation for this meeting. I have written a recruitment letter to encourage candidates to participate in elections during the State Convention. I have also prepared the Nomination Form that will be sent out in the Registration Packet.



BAALA S.

HEALTH CAREERS HIGH SCHOOL, AREA B

Editor

She/Her

Since the Fall Board Meeting, I have published The Torch: Fall Edition with the help of the OutCo. and Webmaster, who advertised it on social media and the TSJCL website, respectively. I developed posters and advertisements for the “How to Start & Grow Your JCL Chapter” guide. I submitted a State Update to the Torch U.S. I have also edited the judging sheets under my responsibility, and I am currently working on the 2023 Winter Edition of The Torch.



NIKITHA T.

GREENHILL SCHOOL, AREA C

Webmaster

She/Her

Since the Fall Board Meeting, I have submitted monthly update forms for the NJCL Website contest. I revamped the TSJCL website with new pictures from NJCL 2022. I wrote and published a ‘How to Start & Grow Your JCL Chapter’ packet to go along with the membership letter, including a quick rundown of TSJCL points of contact, suggestions for club activities, links to various membership logistics, and JCL promo materials. I also published the TSJCL Art Showcase.

AREA CONVENTIONS

2023



AREA A	Clear Falls High School	FEB. 18, 2023
AREA B	Antonian College Preparatory School	FEB. 3-4, 2023
AREA C	Jesuit College Preparatory School	FEB. 25, 2023
AREA D	Ascension Academy	FEB. 11, 2023
AREA F	Murchison Middle School	FEB. 24-25, 2023

'TIS THE SEASON TO RUN FOR TSJCL OFFICE

Written by CJ Valenciano



SALVETE OMNES!

My name is CJ Valenciano, and I am your 2023 TSJCL Parliamentarian. In this letter, I will be describing the process for placing oneself in contention for candidacy, the process each candidate running for an elected office will follow, and the process for which those interested in appointed positions will follow if they wish to be elected.

But before I do, let me fully express the impact that becoming an officer has had on me. When you are an officer, you are around like-minded individuals, who love Latin, friendship, and friendly competition as much as you do. Instantly, bonds are formed, and a community is fostered that aims to build up and support its constituents in an effort to advance the cause of the TSJCL. The job requires responsibility, but it is extremely rewarding to see the hard work of you and your teammates pay off in a meaningful way.

If at all interested, please do not hesitate to email me at parliamentarian@tsjcl.org for any question(s) you may have regarding the elected positions - President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Outreach Coordinator, and Historian - or the appointed positions - Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Editor, Webmaster, and Convention Coordinator(s). More information on the specific duties of each officer can

be found in the TSJCL [Constitution](#) and [Bylaws](#), which go over, in detail, the roles and responsibilities of each officer. Don't be afraid to contact our officers, whose information can be found on the [TSJCL website](#), for answers to any specific questions you have about their current position.

If you would like to become an officer, talk to your teacher/JCL sponsor. Only one student from each chapter can run for elected office, and only one student from each chapter can be appointed. We hope to see your name on a Nominations Form in these upcoming weeks. For elected office, the Nominations Form is due on March 20th at 11:59 PM. For appointed office, the Nominations Form will be due the Friday after the Annual State Convention.

Our Officer Family



CANDIDATE ELECTIONS



One aspect of **elections** that I struggled with was the precise process a candidate goes through during the two-day convention. Here is a helpful overview.

Once at the Annual State Convention, the first election event is the **Nominations Committee**, or "**NomCom**." Voting delegates will be present from each chapter, and we will narrow the candidate pool to two candidates per office. You must pre-file for office and be nominated at NomCom to be considered an official candidate. In order to pre-file, fill out the Nomination Form sent in the registration packet that your sponsor received. This will be due **March 20th, 11:59 PM**. No nominations from the floor shall be accepted. All candidates, whether unopposed or opposed by one or more, will give a short speech not exceeding 1 minute. Think about discussing your qualifications

and possible plans you plan on implementing if you are elected. The goal of NomCom is solely to be approved to continue on. No introduction by a fellow student is given at NomCom.

In cases where more than two people have pre-filed for a particular office, the NomCom will vote on which two candidates will be officially nominated and move onto the next round of the election process, **General Assembly II**. If you are eliminated in NomCom for the office you originally sought, you may have the opportunity to run for another office with less than two pre-filed candidates. Pre-filed candidates will have the opportunity to run for that alternative office at NomCom.



Once you're approved at NomCom, you are an official candidate! Only now can you post campaign materials. You may spend up to \$30, and receipts will be due to me, the Parliamentarian, directly after NomCom. This budget is not paid for by TSJCL. Keep in mind when designing campaign materials that the situation may arise for you to switch offices at NomCom. No candidate may campaign until after NomCom.

Next up is **General Assembly II (GA II)**. Here, official candidates will speak before the convention. A 1-minute introduction by a fellow Latin student (please, no current officers or area chairs) should preface your 3-minute speech. When writing your speech, think of your leadership experience, qualifications, achievements, awards in Latin, etc. At this assembly, voting delegates will receive their ballots.

Immediately following General Assembly II is the **Candidates' Open Forum**. Here, candidates will be asked a series of predetermined questions by the TSJCL officers and any delegates who wish to attend. I suggest brainstorming some possible questions that may appear and planning how you would respond. Most likely, the current officer will be asking questions specific to the candidates seeking their office, so be sure to be well-versed in the duties of that office.

Finally, at the **Final Assembly**, sponsors will submit their chapter's ballots and I will count the votes with a State Chair. At the end of this assembly, the 2022-2023 Officers will be announced and they will give their oath of office!

For those interested in the appointed positions - Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Convention Coordinator(s), Editor, and Webmaster - similar to that of the elected positions, a form will be designated for your completion. This will have the same parameters as the elected candidates form but will be due the Friday after the Annual State Convention, **April 21st, 11:59PM**.

My time in the JCL, TSJCL, and the NJCL has proved to me that we JCLers are more than an organization, but more so a family, and families stick together. It is up to you all to keep this family alive and strong. Do not fear running for office because of the challenges it may present, but rather see officership as an opportunity to selflessly contribute to your TSJCL family and become a leader of this great organization. Let's keep the heart of TSJCL and Latin pumping by passionately following the ideals of integrity, leadership, and selflessness that have become synonymous with TSJCL. I encourage you all to seek office and push the limits within yourself!

Gratias,

TJ Valenciano



TALENT SHOW

TSJCL STATE CONVENTION



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SHOW
APRIL 15TH

Ticket Price

FREE

Compete for **CASH PRIZES** by performing in the annual TSJCL Talent Show! All creative and entertaining acts welcome!



Interested in performing?
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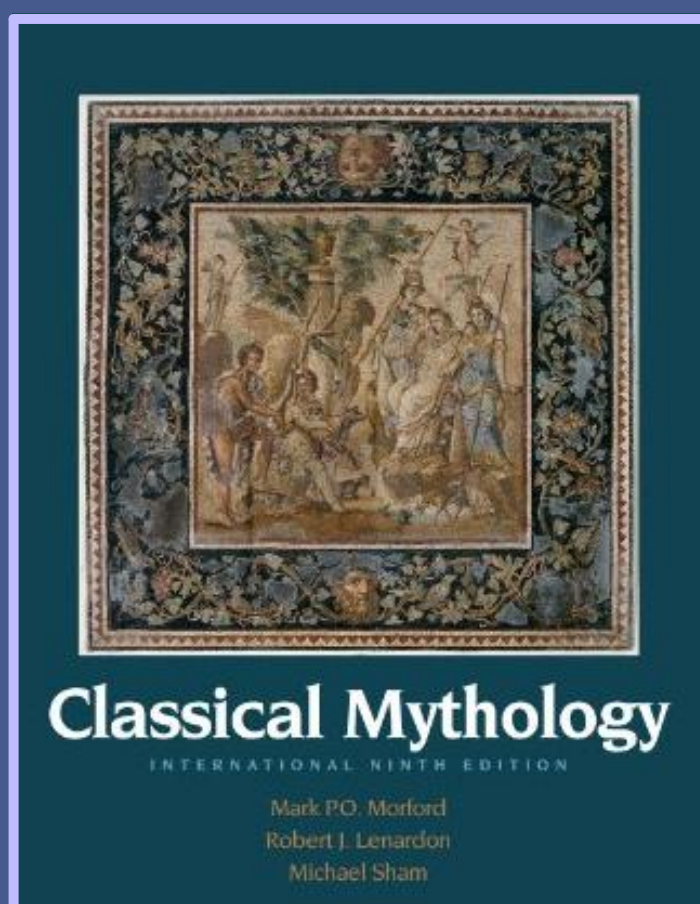


WRITTEN BY MITHRA VISWANATHAN

The creation of myths has been used by countless cultures to explain the world around them, to give warnings, and to even solidify power. Therefore, understanding those myths are key to understanding the civilizations that rose up with them. In this specialty, we learn about stories, characters, and settings told in the past, so we can grow closer with the likes of ancient Greece and Rome. From the start of the known universe to tales of legendary heroes, mythology has captivating stories for everyone!

While reading stories about monsters, love, and adventure is fun, it also takes some memorizing. Of course, the plots of the various narratives are important, but so are family trees, character names, and places. As far as question formats go on tests, they can take the form of statements that make you match a subject (usually a person) to an event. For example, a question might say, “He was the North Wind”, to which the answer is Boreas. It's not uncommon to come across an unfamiliar myth, but here are a few ESSENTIAL ones to start you off as an amateur mythologist!

TOP TSJCL RECOMMENDED SOURCES FOR MYTHOLOGY:



Classical Mythology
By M. Morford and R. Lenardon

Dictionary of Classical Mythology
By J. E. Zimmerman

The Penguin Dictionary of Mythology
By Pierre Grimal

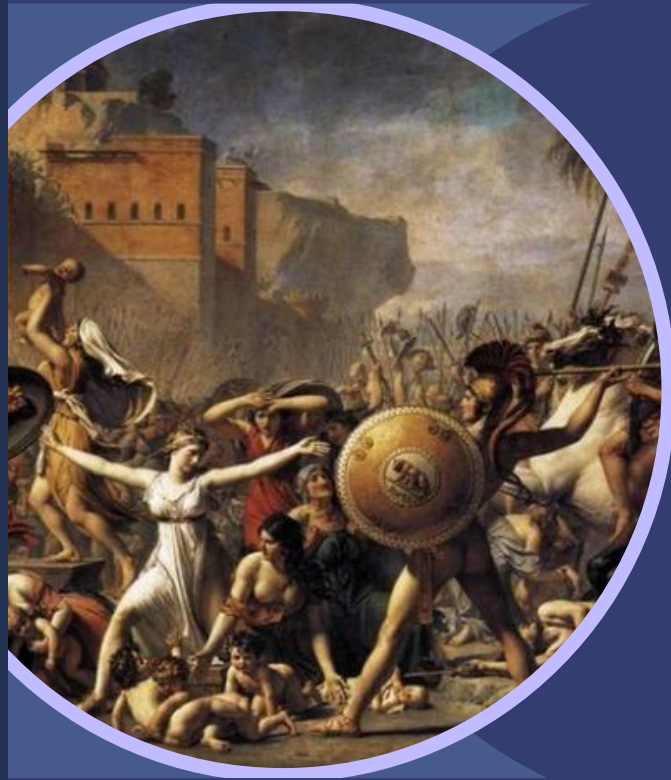
The Penguin Book of Classical Myths
By Jenny March



The HCHS Mythology Family!

1. HEROES

In Greek mythology, heroes come a dime a dozen, but a few of the most memorable ones include Heracles, Theseus, Jason and the Argonauts, and Perseus. Heracles most famously completed 12 labors, Theseus entered a labyrinth to kill the monstrous Minotaur, Jason and the Argonauts set sail to find the golden fleece, and finally, Perseus rescued the Princess Andromeda and killed the gorgon Medusa.



2. BATTLES & WARS

Some key wars and battles I HIGHLY recommend studying are the 7 Against Thebes, the Trojan War, and the Titanomachy. The 7 Against Thebes was a war fought by 7 champions selected by Adrastus, the king of Argos, to restore Oedipus' son Polynices to the Theban throne. The Trojan War was waged against the city of Troy by the Achaeans (Greeks) after Paris of Troy took Helen from her husband Menelaus, king of Sparta. The Titanomachy was a 10-year war fought between the Titans and the Olympians.

3. OLYMPIANS

The 12 Olympians are the major deities of the Greek Pantheon who resided on Mount Olympus. They gained their supremacy in a ten-year-long war of gods, in which Zeus led his siblings to victory over the ruling immortal beings, the Titans, children of the primordial deities Uranus and Gaia. The Olympians consisted of 4 of the offspring of the Titans Cronus and Rhea: Zeus, Poseidon, Hera, and Demeter, with Hestia and Hades not typically considered as Olympians. The others include Aphrodite, Athena, Artemis, Apollo, Ares, Hephaestus, Hermes, and Dionysus.



4. MONSTERS

Two of the most famous monsters in Greek mythology include the Gorgons and the Furies. The Gorgons were three sisters whose hair was made of snakes and who could turn people into stone by looking into their eyes. The Furies were three goddesses of vengeance who punished people for their crimes against sacred laws.

Use your newfound Mythology knowledge to answer these 2022 TSJCL test questions!

Who volunteered to go to Crete to kill the Minotaur in the Labyrinth?

- a. Bellerophon
- b. Meleager
- c. Perseus
- d. Theseus

Which creatures pursued those who had broken sacred laws and duties?

- a. Camenae
- b. Furies
- c. Parcae
- d. Telchines

Who was devastated when her daughter was taken to the Underworld?

- a. Aurora
- b. Demeter
- c. Hestia
- d. Minerva

Who spent ten years fighting at Troy, and another ten years returning home?

- a. Agamemnon
- b. Menelaus
- c. Odysseus
- d. Teucer



SO YOU PROCRASTINATED?

A Quick Review For All Our Last Minute Studiers Out There

Ancient Geography

What is the ancient name of the city of Budapest?

- a. Byzantium
- b. Aquincum
- c. Lutetia
- d. Seville

Where can Trajan's Column be found?

- a. Campus Martius
- b. Forum Boarium
- c. Forum Ulpium
- d. Forum Romanum

Which of the following is not a group of Aegean Islands?

- a. Balearic Islands
- b. Sporades Islands
- c. Cyclades Islands
- d. Dodecanese Islands

Classical Art

The statue of Athena in the Parthenon was built of what material?

- a. Bronze
- b. Parian marble
- c. Ivory & gold
- d. Olive wood

The earliest known use of concrete cross-vaulting occurs in the Baths of _____.

- a. Caracalla
- b. Trajan
- c. Aurelian
- d. Domitian

Which statue does **NOT** illustrate the stance called contrapposto?

- a. Spear-bearer
- b. Critias Boy
- c. Calf-bearer
- d. Fillet-binder

Grammar

The wall was so tall that we couldn't see over it.

- a. quōminus
- b. quīn
- c. ne
- d. ut

Venī ad _____ Aegyptum.

- a. pulchrōrum
- b. pulchrum
- c. pulchram
- d. pulchrārum

Si illum librum legissem, responsum scivissem.

- a. I read
- b. I had read
- c. I were reading
- d. I did read

Greek Derivatives

Which is the correct meaning for the prefix ptero-?

- a. Substance
- b. Feather
- c. Foot
- d. Wing

Which is the correct meaning of the name Eugene based on its derivation

- a. Well born
- b. Wood
- c. Wealth
- d. Wisdom

Which Greek derivative means a harsh or unpleasant sound?

- a. Cacophony
- b. Tautophony
- c. Bronchophony
- d. Heterophony

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A Quick Review For All Our Last Minute Studiers Out There

Greek History

What aristocratic family ruled Corinth after the fall of its monarchy?

- a. the Cryseids
- b. the Hestiads
- c. the Daphnaids
- d. the Bacchiads

Where did the Athenian assembly convene?

- a. Areopagus
- b. Acropolis
- c. Theater of Dionysus
- d. Pnyx

What was the final sea battle of the Greek's defense against the Persians?

- a. Cumae
- b. Syracuse
- c. Salamis
- d. Lemnos

Latin Derivatives

Select the word that is **NOT** derived from the same Latin root as the others:

- a. Biscuit
- b. Ricotta
- c. Apricot
- d. Decortate

Select the ultimate Latin root word for the derivative: **HANDKERCHIEF**

- a. capiō
- b. capsā
- c. caput
- d. caper

Select the derivative that **IS** derived from the Latin root word: **PISCIS**

- a. Porpoise
- b. Piceous
- c. Pitchpine
- d. Pisolitic

Greek Life & Lit.

In which piece of work does Hesiod describe the Five Ages of Humanity?

- a. Theogony
- b. Necronomicon
- c. The Catalogue of Women
- d. Works and Days

Which philosopher founded the Lyceum?

- a. Archimedes
- b. Plato
- c. Thales
- d. Aristotle

From which country did the Greeks derive the practice of minting coins?

- a. Ierne
- b. Lydia
- c. Assyria
- d. Etruria

Latin Literature

Manilius is the author of books on _____ during the Silver Age.

- a. Astronomy
- b. Cooking
- c. Bridge-building
- d. Weaving

How many books of Bellum Gallicum were written by Julius Caesar himself?

- a. Five
- b. Seven
- c. Three
- d. Eight

Which of the following authors did **NOT** come from Spain?

- a. Seneca
- b. Quintilian
- c. Pliny the Elder
- d. Martial

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Mythology

Which of these is **NOT** one of the Rivers of the Underworld?

- a. Cocytus
- b. Achelous
- c. Lethe
- d. Phlegethon

Who was the architect of the Labyrinth?

- a. Talos
- b. Palamedes
- c. Hephaestus
- d. Daedalus

Who waited for their lover to swim the Hellespont nightly to be with them?

- a. Hero
- b. Anaxarete
- c. Pyrrha
- d. Thisbe

Roman History

Who constructed the first permanent theater in the city of Rome?

- a. Pompey
- b. Cicero
- c. Balbus
- d. Scipio Africanus

Towns such as Caere, Populonia, and Vulci were associated with:

- a. Etruscans
- b. Hernici
- c. Samnites
- d. Oscans

Who claimed to be a son of Perseus and declared himself the king of Macedon?

- a. Seleucus
- b. Philip
- c. Antiochus
- d. Andriscus

Mottoes

Who penned the Latin quotation adapted as the 2023 TSJCL State Convention theme?

- a. Epicures
- b. Plato
- c. Seneca
- d. Euripedes

The Latin abbreviation viz. stands for:

- a. vitrum
- b. vide infra
- c. vitellus
- d. videlicet

Which city has the Latin motto: fluctuat nec mergitur

- a. Florence
- b. Milan
- c. Paris
- d. London

Roman Life

Matronalia, a holiday honoring wives and mothers, was celebrated on the first day of:

- a. January
- b. February
- c. March
- d. May

Which of the following fruits were **NOT** eaten by the ancient Romans?

- a. Cherries
- b. Oranges
- c. Apricots
- d. Pomegranates

Which gemstone used in jewelry was most highly valued by Roman women?

- a. Amethyst
- b. Pearl
- c. Citrine
- d. Ruby

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Vocabulary

Select the best definition of the Latin word:

simulācrum

- a. Stone
- b. Effigy
- c. Altogether
- d. Thin

Select the best antonym of: inānis

- a. fames
- b. pudor
- c. plēnus
- d. vānus

Choose the word that does **NOT** belong due to its meaning:

- a. barba
- b. pontus
- c. aequor
- d. pelagus

Pentathlon

Which of the following was **NOT** one of the children of Hyperion and Theia?

- a. Selene
- b. Helius
- c. Eos
- d. Oceanus

Who was the wife of Romulus?

- a. Egeria
- b. Tacita
- c. Hersilia
- d. Calpurnia

The Romans wore what type of toga when they were in mourning?

- a. praetexta
- b. pulla
- c. pūra
- d. picta

ANSWER KEY

Ancient Geography	B C A
Classical Art	D C B
Grammar	C B C
Greek Derivatives	B A A
Greek Life & Lit.	D D C
Hellenic History	D D B
Latin Derivatives	D C A
Latin Literature	A B C
Mottoes	B D A
Mythology	C D C
Roman History	A A D
Roman Life	C B B
Vocabulary	B C A
Pentathlon	D C B

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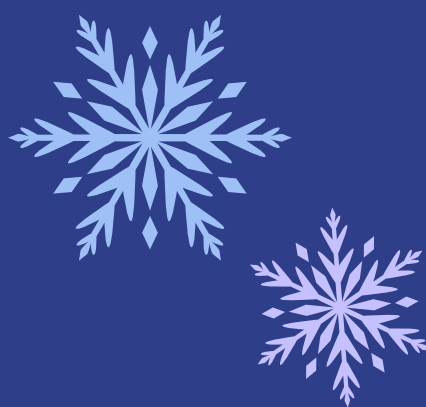
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