

# Hellenic Classical Charter School – Park Slope

## Greek Mythology Curriculum 2019-2020

### Kindergarten

Through the study of Aesop's fables, folk tales, and fairy tales the students will understand that the Ancient Greeks created a wealth of compelling stories to explain the mysteries and complexities of the world and also relate these myths to our lives today. To have students familiarize and appreciate Greek Music and Greek Dance.

#### Aesop's Fables

- Life of Aesop
- The Fox and the Grapes
- The Fox and the Crow
- The Fox and the Goat
- The Dog and the Shadow
- The Fisherman and the Flute
- The North Wind
- The Wolf and the Crane
- The Wolf and the Lamb
- The Mice and the Cats
- The Lion and the Mouse
- The Lion and the Wild Boar
- The Hare and the Tortoise
- The Tortoise and the Eagle
- The Locust and the Ant
- The Vine and the Goat
- The Vain Jackdaw
- The Fawn and his Mother
- The Ox and the Frog
- Greek Nursery Rhymes and Games
- The Greek Flag
- National Holidays

### First Grade

Through the study of Mythology the students will understand that the Ancient Greeks created a wealth of compelling stories to explain the mysteries and complexities of the world and also related these myths to our lives today.

- The Birth of Hercules
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- Hercules and The Twelve Labors
- Hercules becomes a Demi-God
- Jason and the Argonauts
- The Golden Fleece
- Pandora's Box
- Goddess Athena and Arachne
- Bellerophon and Pegasus
- Daedalus and Icarus
- Prometheus
- King Midas
- Deucalion and Pyrrha
- The Caledonian Boar Hunt
- Pan
- Echo
- Selene
- Sisyphus

## **Second Grade**

### **Mythology Part II**

Through the study of Mythology the students will understand that the Ancient Greeks created a wealth of compelling stories to explain the mysteries and complexities of the world and also relate these myths to our lives today.

- Cosmogony
- Mother Earth-Gaea-and her Children
- The Titans
- The Gods and Goddesses of Mount Olympus
- Hades – God of the Underworld
- Persephone and Demetra
- Dionysus
- Helios and Phaethon
- Asclepius and Aphrodite
- The Apples of Love and the Apple of Discord
- Nymphs, Satyrs and Centaurs
- The Nine Muses
- Europa and Cadmus
- Orpheus and Euridice
- The Constellations
  - Orion
  - Cassiopeia
  - Castor and Pollux
- National Holidays

## **Third Grade**

### **Mythology Part III**

Through the study of Mythology the students will understand that the Ancient Greeks created a wealth of compelling stories to explain the mysteries and complexities of the world and also relate these myths to our lives today.

- The Trojan War
  - Paris and Helen of Sparta
  - The Sacrifice of Iphigenia
  - The Trojan Horse
- Heroes of Ancient Greece
  - Theseus
  - Teheuseus and the Minotaur
  - Achilles
  - Agamemnon
  - Perseus
  - Odysseus and His Travels
  - National Holidays

## **Fourth Grade**

### **Mythology – History**

The purpose for the Greek Culture lesson is to enable the students to understand the historical and cultural life of the Greek nation through the ages.

To develop and cultivate the historical thoughts – connections – historical events – historical evolution.

To give the students the motivation to become involved in historical subjects/topics and to develop the interest and ability for research.

- Homer, the poet of Odyssey and Illiad.
- Odyssey – 24 rhapsodies (books) 20 lessons
- Greek National Holiday
- 28<sup>th</sup> of October in 1940
- The second World War
- German occupation
- March 25· 1821 – Greek Independence Day
- The Greek Revolution 1821
- Heroes of Greek Revolution

## **Fifth Grade**

### **Greek History**

The purpose for the Greek Culture lesson is ....

- The first Greeks
- The Minoan Civilization
- The palace of Knossos
- The archaeologist Arthur Evans and the excavations of Knossos
- Minoan religion
- The traveling of the Minoans
- The Mycenaean civilization
- The Mycenaeans
- Mycenaean cities (Mycenae – tyrinth)
- The Trojan War
- The Dark Ages
- The Archaic Period
- The Greeks and their neighbors
- Greek National Holiday – October 28, 1940
- Independence Day – March 25<sup>th</sup>
- The Greek Revolution of 1821
- Heroes: Kolokotronis – Kanaris – Miaoulis
- The battle at Dervenakia

## **Sixth Grade**

### **History**

The purpose for the Greek Culture lesson is ....

- City- States of Ancient Greece
- Sparta – The military state
- The training of the children of Sparta
- The army of Sparta
- City State of Athens
- The education of the children
- The Greek family
- A Greek house
- Clothes and jewelry
- Pottery
- Markets, money and trade
- Travel by land and sea

- The army – The navy
- Greek National Holidays
- October 28, 1940
- The invasion of the Italian forces
- German occupation
- The resistance
- Greek Independence Day – March 25<sup>th</sup>
- Greek revolution
- The first Greek government Ioannis Kapodistrias
- The first congress – Othon, the King of Greece

## **Seventh Grade**

### **History**

The purpose for the Greek Culture lesson is ...

- The Persian Wars
- Darius – The battle of Marathon 490 B.C.
- Xerxis – The battle of Thermopylae 480 B.C.
- King Leonidas and 300 Spartans
- The Sea battle at Salamis
- Themistokles, the Athenian admiral
- The destruction of the Persian navy
- The last battle with Persians at Plataea 479 B.C
- The death of the Persian general Mardonius
- The end of the Persian Wars
- The Delian League
- The city of Athens – the era of Pericles
- Architecture – Sculpture
- The decoration of Acropolis
- The temple of Parthenon – The architector Ictinus and the sculptor Phodias
- National Holiday
- Contemporary Greece
- The city of Thessalonika and Athens
- Tour of Macedonia – Ancient city of Pella
- Virgina – The tomb of Phillip II – Father of Alexander the Great

## **Eighth Grade**

### **History**

The purpose for the Greek lesson is ....

- Athletics and sport – Olympic games
- Olympia
- Modern Olympic Games
- Democracy in Athens
- The Golden Age and the Peloponnesian War
- Temples, worship and festivals
- Oracle of Delphi and mystery cults
- Death and the underworld
- The rise of Macedonia
- Alexander the Great
- The conquering of Asia and middle east
- The successors of Alexander the Great
- The Hellenistic World
- Byzantine Empire
- Modern Greece
- Greece as an agricultural country
- Main products – olive oil – grapes – wine, etc.
- The Greek Islands of Aegean and Ionian Sea
- Tourism
- Peloponnesos
- Mainland of Greece