

Day 1: Introduce Greek gods and characteristics. Fill in chart with what students already know about Greek mythology. Listen to audio book portion of *The Lightning Thief* describing the table at Olympus.

Day 1 Homework: Read god descriptions handout.

Day 2: Discuss the human characteristics of Greek gods with the class. Divide class into 4 groups. Assign 3 Olympians to each group and have them brainstorm modern parallel figures (eg. Athena = Hermione, Poseidon = Aqua man).

Day 2 Homework: Modern Mythology assignment.

Day 3: Select students to represent the mythological figures of the council of Olympus. Have them announce the modern counterpart they chose for that character in their assignments, and present that portion of their written assignment to the class. Are the characters that they chose 'epic'? Discuss what the council would be like if these counterparts were in charge. What monsters would they have to fend off? Where would their center of civilization be? Where would their underworld be located?

Discuss demigods and summarize the 1st Percy Jackson book. We will be reading the *Odyssey* and the *Sea of Monsters* congruently.

Day 3 Homework: Read *Odyssey* introduction and "Getting Started" handout.

Day 4: Begin reading the *Odyssey*, book 1, aloud in class. Pause frequently for comprehension questions, and have students write or draw a map of the events as they occur on the chalkboard.

Homework: Review Book 1 of the *Odyssey* and look over book 2. Ask the students to make note of any questions or insights they might have for tomorrow's discussion.

Day 5: Continue reading the *Odyssey* – finish book 2. Using the audio book, read chapter 1 of "*Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters*". Compare and contrast the tone and content of this to the *Odyssey* so far.

Day 5 (weekend) homework: Read chapters 2-5 of *Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters*.