Dear 6th Grade Scholars,

We are going to spend two weeks working on a Greek gods and goddess’ project. We will use some class time to work on this project, but you will need to work on it at home too. Your completed assignment is due on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. You will present your projects in class on February 17th and 18th.

You will complete a writing project to supplement what you’ve been learning in reading, social studies, and library. You will write a research report on the Greek god or goddess of your choice and you will also create a colored cover to accompany your informational report.

You may choose any one of the 16 options that I give you. You will have to conduct the research on your own, using resources at the library or on the computer. You must document (or cite) where you get ALL your information. Do not make any information up, and do not use information from your head or another person. This is an informational report, and the information about the god must be completely accurate. Nonetheless, you cannot copy another author’s writing into your report, so you must paraphrase ideas (put the ideas into your own words) you read in your resources. Copying or not citing your sources is considered plagiarism and will not be tolerated. You will be given a zero on this assignment if you plagiarize.

This assignment will count as follows:

Research Paper w/ cover- G2 (Test Grade)
Oral Presentation- G1 (Daily Grade)

I am excited to read your reports and see your covers because I know that they will be awesome! If you have questions at any time, please just ask me. Good luck!

Happy researching,

Ms. Strong
OPTIONS:

Your options for the Greek god/goddess to research include:

1. Aphrodite goddess of love and beauty
2. Apollo god of the sun, poetry, & music
3. Ares god of war
4. Artemis goddess of the moon & the hunt
5. Athena goddess of wisdom & war
6. Demeter goddess of agriculture
7. Dionysus god of wine & fertility
8. Eros god of love
9. Hades god of the underworld
10. Hephaestus god of fire & metalworkers
11. Hera goddess of marriage
12. Hermes messenger of the gods & god of travel
13. Hestia goddess of the hearth (family fire)
14. Pan god of nature
15. Poseidon god of the sea
16. Zeus ruler of the gods

RESEARCH:

You must use 2 or more resources (websites, encyclopedias, or books) to gather information for your project. The following are suggested resources to use for your research, but you may also use other resources at the library. For the websites listed below, be sure to type in the entire web address. At each site, you will need to navigate on the page and click on the appropriate links to find more information about your chosen god/goddess. As one more reminder, you must write down information about each resource that you use using the forms provided.

INTERNET WEBSITES:

✓ http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/olympians.html
✓ http://greek-gods.info/greek-gods/
✓ http://www.mythweb.com/
✓ http://www.timelessmyths.com/classical/olympians.html
✓ http://greece.mrdonn.org/greekgods/index.html
✓ http://www.webexhibits.org/greekgods/index.html
✓ http://www.pantheon.org/areas/mythology/europe/greek/
✓ www.worldbookonline.com
✓ www.magnolia.msstate.edu
ENCYCLOPEDIAS:

✓ World Book Encyclopedia
✓ World Encyclopedia

BOOKS:

✓ Eyewitness: Mythology by Philip Wilkinson
✓ The Macmillan Book of Greek Gods and Heroes by Alice Low
✓ D’aularies’ Book of Greek Myths by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaires'
✓ Favorite Greek Myths retold by Mary Pope Osborne
✓ Selection of other books from local public library

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

REPORT: Your final product is a 6-paragraph informational research report on the Greek god or goddess of your choice that contains the following information:

1. **Introduction:** Greek and Roman name of the god (and origins of name), the title of the god, a list of any important powers the god has, and a brief description of where the god can usually be found (where does the god spend his/her time in most myths?).
2. **Family/Relatives:** parents, siblings (brothers/sisters), and children; what gods or goddesses did he or she marry, love, or desire?
3. **History:** the story of the development of the god through birth, infancy, childhood, and life as an adult
4. **Physical appearance and symbols:** description of what the god looked like and any weapons / objects / animals / other symbols associated with the god
5. **Summary of one important myth involving the god:** a retelling of the major events in one myth, with a focus on the most important characteristics and powers of the god
6. **Conclusion:** other interesting facts or identifying characteristics about the god, summary of the findings and characteristics of the god; remember to leave the reader with something to remember about your god/goddess

COVER PAGE: You will also create a colored cover page that includes:

✓ Greek name of the god
✓ the title of the god (found on page 2 of this packet)
✓ hand-drawn OR printed image of the god or goddess (must be colored)
✓ your name (as the author)
ORAL PRESENTATION (Speaking and Listening):

✓ The report will be five to seven minutes long and will be told in the first person.
✓ Your presentation must tell the audience a summary of your report including:
   1. Who the Greek God was
   2. Who were his/ her parents
   3. What super human powers did he or she have?
   4. What role did the god play in Greek culture (i.e. why would an ancient Greek honor this particular god)
   5. Summarize a famous story concerning the god.

You can choose any of the following for your oral presentations:

- Prezi
- PowerPoint
- Interview (Video)
- StoryBoard That

Animated Videos:
- Moovly.com
- PowToon $$
- iMovie/Movie Maker
- Blabberize
- Toontastic

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Additionally, the report will include a bibliography citing all resources used to gather information for the report. Students must use at least 2 different sources to research their god or goddess. For the bibliography, the only requirement is that students complete the same graphic organizer found in this packet.
Research Paper Rubric

Completed Graphic Organizers: __________/25

Edited Rough Draft: __________/10

Report Elements: __________/30

- Introduction
- Family/Relatives
- History
- Physical appearance and symbols
- Summary of one important myth involving the god
- Conclusion

Cover: __________/15

Bibliography: __________/5

Free of spelling errors: _________________/10

Creativity/Effort: __________5

Total: _________________/100
GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS:
Fill in the following graphic organizers to gather information about your chosen god/goddess.

PARAGRAPH 1

INTRODUCTION
Greek name of my god:

Roman name of my god: title of the god: *(found on the options list, page 2)*

*description of where god is usually found: (where the god spend most the time in myths)*

list of any important powers the god has:
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PARAGRAPH 2

Family & Relatives
*(you may not be able to fill in all boxes)*

mother: father:

brothers and sisters: *my god/goddess:* husband/wife/lover:

other family / relatives: Children:
PARAGRAPH 3

History

birth & infancy (as a baby):

childhood:

life as an adult:

PARAGRAPH 4

Physical Appearance and Symbols

physical characteristics:
(what did the god look like?)

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Add a quick sketch of the god, if you like.

symbols associated with the god:

○ weapons:

○ objects:

○ animals:

○ other symbols:
Summary of one important myth:
(name of myth)

In the beginning,

In the middle,

In the end,

How is the god represented in the myth? What characteristics and powers are illustrated?

CONCLUSION

any other interesting facts or identifying characteristics (that are not already listed):
BIBLIOGRAPHY / WORKS CITED:

Complete 2 or more of the following graphic organizers to cite the resources used to gather information for your research report. Note that three different types are included, for reference books, other (non-reference) books, and websites; use the appropriate organizer. Sometimes, not all information is listed in a resource; if the information is not listed, leave that box blank and fill in as much as you can.

### Reference Books

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