

Our BIG BOOK GIVEAWAY has started!

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Myths!

People all over the world have shared stories called myths. Myths are ancient tales that tried to explain mysterious things that people wondered about in the past – events they did not know the reasons for or things they did not understand. People believed these stories to be true. Myths were very important to them.



I wonder if my friends are "mything" me.

"Myths" is such a cool word. The "y" makes a short "i" sound. Can you find and circle 3 more words that have a "y" in them that makes a short "i" sound?

Who or What?

Myths are full of people, gods, heros and creatures. Who or what are these characters in myths? **Fill in the crossword puzzle.**

1. Powerful beings, rulers of all
2. Stories to explain things people did not know or could not understand
3. Huge manlike beings that some people thought existed before humans
4. Pilots with problems in their engines or instruments would blame these
5. They search and dig to find items that will tell about myths of different peoples
6. These played harmless pranks, did household chores overnight
7. People of great strength and courage
8. They were physically smaller than giants; hunted and ate people
9. Fire-breathing monsters
10. Underground folk, under four feet tall, hard-working; they mined and worked precious metals like gold
11. Ugly elves, pesky and annoying
12. They lived under bridges, in forests and on mountains; they protected their lands



What kinds of things do myths try to explain?

1. How the _____ began
2. Secret of the rhythm of _____
3. Heroes slaying _____, threatening animals
4. Natural happenings like _____
5. Why _____ things sometimes happen

What Are Myths About?

Fill in the phrases to find out:

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| lightning | life | unlucky |
| world | evil | |

Who in the Myth is This?

Have you heard or read myths? Ask Mom or Dad to help you **match each name to its description.**

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|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Neptune | A. one-eyed giant |
| 2. Cyclops | B. ruler of all the gods (Greek) |
| 3. Centaurs | C. god of the sea (Roman) |
| 4. Zeus | D. each was half man and half horse |

Do you see a winged-monkey thing?



Nah, that's just a myth! But, I do see a fire-breathing dragon.

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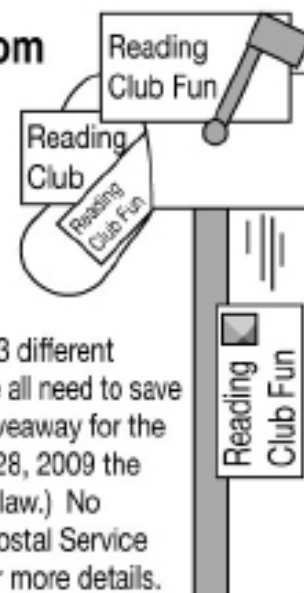
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One entry per person per week. Up to 1 entry for 3 different children will be accepted in each envelope. (Hey, we all need to save money.) Entry forms will be included in the book giveaway for the week they are received: June 1st to Friday, August 28, 2009 the date of the final drawing. (Void where prohibited by law.) No P.O. Boxes accepted. Prizes returned by the U.S. Postal Service will not be remailed. Visit **ReadingClubFun.com** for more details.

A Little Bit of This and...

Myths often make things "larger than life." They have a little bit of this and a little bit of that to help explain things. Some creatures in myths and other stories are half human and half animal. Do you know these? **Write the numbers that describe them in the boxes.**





Mermaid

Centaur

Sphinx

1. The top of a  + the bottom of a 

2. The top of a  + the bottom of a 

3. The head of a  + the body of 