

5 minute write – Use the Greek pot image as a stimulus

This is the picture across the whole pot



Listen to Odysseus and the Cyclops and complete the activity

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/ks2-primary-history-ancient-greece-odysseus-and-the-cyclops/zknxyc>

Reading Challenge

Draw 5 thought bubbles and write what the main character might be thinking at different stages in the story.

Read Ambrus and Cerberus and complete the activity

Ambrus looked at the scenery around him. Far out to sea, Ambrus looked with his piercing emerald green eyes and he could just make out another island in the distance. He often wondered who lived there as he had never left his home in all his 24 years of life.

Later that day, while Ambrus was helping the fishermen drag their small, wooden boats on to shore for the evening, a messenger came galloping past them heading for the centre of the village. The fishermen looked at each other bewildered but Ambrus knew that the arrival of the strange messenger spelt doom. Help is needed Ambrus. The island across the sea is suffering greatly from the terrible, merciless beast....Cerberous!" Ambrus felt his stomach roll with sickness and dread. He knew what he had to do. He set off on his quest to defeat the 3 headed hound from hell.

First he rowed his sturdy boat across the sea which had suddenly become like a bubbling witch's cauldron. The waves frothed and fizzed as the water swirled and twirled violently. Looking out worriedly, Ambrus suddenly saw a hand rise from a nearby wave. The hand looked as though it was made of silver. It gripped tightly a mighty sword. It must have been 5ft in length and the metal glimmered with magic. Ambrus took the sword and he smiled. He knew now that the God's were on his side and this was a gift to aid his quest. The hand disappeared down in to the murky depths and the hero journeyed on.

After he had reached the island he climbed snow capped mountains. At the top of the highest peak, in the middle of the fiercest storm when the hero had almost given up hope, a Goddess of Olympus appeared. She gave him a cloak of invisibility. The cloth was of a fine silk and it shimmered even in the howling storm. The iridescent cape was down to the floor and had a hood to cover his head.

Finally Ambrus came to a dark, damp cave. As he looked in, it was as though he was glaring in to a bottomless pit. Something moved in the shadows...something big.

Before he could blink, the creature in the darkness launched itself at the mighty hero with all 3 of its heads snapping with anger. Sliding swiftly, the hero dodged the fierce creature's razor sharp jaws. He reached behind his back to reveal the mighty sword he had received from the Gods. Cerberous let out a yelp of pain as the sword pierced his thick, leathery flesh. However, the hound did not die. Thinking quickly, Ambrus threw the cloak of invisibility over his sweaty head to hide from the beast. Instantly, the creature was startled by the disappearance of its prey. Ambrus crept nearer to strike the deadly blow. The sword sliced open its target and the beast was no more.

Reading Challenge

Which chapter or part of the story is the most important? Explain what happens in this section and why you like it.

Watch Icarus and Daedalus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVkwWo_LNZs

Example retelling of myth

Icarus and Daedalus

Plan: List of key events

- * Man = Daedalus → Inventor and craftsman → Architecture
- * Son = Icarus
- * Daedalus was asked by King Minos to go to Crete and create a maze for his pet Minotaur
- * Worked with son to build it → very complicated
- * Stayed on ^{for more} days
- * Group of children arrived and took the King's daughter
- * Also killed the minotaur
- * King believed Daedalus helped them
- * King punished father and son → prisoners / helpless
- * Daedalus saw birds in the sky and knew they needed wings to be free
- * Collected feathers → stuck together using wax
- * Made 2 pairs of wings
- * Don't fly too close to the sun as it will melt
- * Don't fly too close to the ocean as it will get wet
- * Flapped wings and got higher
- * Icarus → excited → close to the sun
- * Daedalus shouted but Icarus was too far away
- * Wax melted and feather fell off
- * Icarus fell from the sky into the sea → drowned
- * Daedalus landed on a beach near where Icarus fell but there was no sign
- * Named island Icaria
- * Built a temple to the god of the sun Apollo
- * Hung the wings up and vowed to never fly again

Example opening

Icarus and Daedalus

One day there was a man called Daedalus, who was an inventor and craftsman, and he was summoned by King Minos of Crete. Daedalus had a son called Icarus, who he loved very much. Daedalus was known for building wondrous things. He had made Icarus toys to play with and built tremendous architecture.

On the island of Crete, where King Minos lived, was a terrifying creature. King Minos has beckoned Daedalus because he wanted him to build a maze for his pet, the Minotaur. Daedalus spent days working on the most complicated design that no-one would be able to escape from. During this, Icarus (his son) supported him with it. Delighted with the maze, King Minos thanked the father and son and said they could stay on. The pair decided to stay on the island a few days before they departed. On the island shore a boat came in with children amongst it. They took the King's daughter and killed the Minotaur. Riddled with grief, King Minos was angered and blamed Daedalus because the king believed he helped them as no-one was meant to be able to escape the maze. As a result Daedalus and Icarus were kept as prisoners on the island with no way to escape. The father and ~~son~~ son were completely helpless.