

**Distance Teaching and Learning**  
**Year 4 Reading – Week Commencing 20.04.20**

| Day       | Book  | Reading Expectation   | Follow-Up Task  |
|-----------|---|---|---|
| Monday    | The Golden Touch and Other Greek Myths<br>By Lori Mortensen | <p>Please read pages 4 – 8 independently or to an adult.</p> <p>If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together.</p>   | <p>Answer the following questions in full sentences.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What does devour mean? Record the definition and then use the word 'devour' in your own sentence.</li> <li>2) Would you feel sympathy for someone who was being mean to someone else? Why/why not?</li> <li>3) What do you think allows a myth to be seen as famous?</li> <li>4) Write two things that a myth may be about.</li> <li>5) What information on page 7 shows us that Midas was greedy?</li> <li>6) Look at page 8. React and write – Do you think Midas will be happy after he gets his wish? Why/Why not?</li> </ol>                        |
| Tuesday   | The Golden Touch and Other Greek Myths<br>By Lori Mortensen | <p>Please read pages 9 – 11 independently or to an adult.</p> <p>If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together.</p>  | <p>Answer the following questions in full sentences.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Why do you think the god granted the wish even though he shook his head, suggesting it was not a good wish?</li> <li>2) Name three things that turned to gold because of Midas's new power.</li> <li>3) State two things Midas did to show he regretted his choice of wish.</li> <li>4) What was the underlying message of this myth? Remember – myths teach about bad behaviour.</li> <li>5) What wish would you have made instead and what quality (such as greed, kindness, intelligence) would your wish show about you?</li> </ol>                  |
| Wednesday | The Golden Touch and Other Greek Myths<br>By Lori Mortensen | <p>Please read pages 12 – 17 independently or to an adult.</p> <p>If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together.</p> | <p>Answer the following questions in full sentences.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Who felt sympathy for the humans and why?</li> <li>2) Do you think Prometheus deserved to be punished? Why/Why not?</li> <li>3) How would you describe Zeus's character? Provide two pieces of evidence that supports your opinion.</li> <li>4) Name three things that came out of Pandora's box.</li> <li>5) Look at page 16. React and write - What kind of world did people live in before Pandora opened her box? Give at least one piece of evidence to support your opinion.</li> <li>6) What do you think the message in this myth is?</li> </ol> |
| Thursday  | The Golden Touch and Other Greek Myths<br>By Lori Mortensen | <p>Please read pages 18-23 independently or to an adult.</p> <p>If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together.</p>   | <p>Answer the following questions in full sentences.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How was the sphinx a punishment to the people?</li> <li>2) Why was Thebes referred to as a prison?</li> <li>3) How does the stranger in the story help the story to be classed as a myth? (Refer to the definition of a myth if you are stuck.)</li> <li>4) How would you describe the sphinx as it prepared to attack the stranger at the end?</li> <li>5) Do you think the man should have been made king? Support your answer with at least one piece of evidence.</li> </ol>   |

Friday

The Golden Touch and Other  
Greek Myths  
By Lori Mortensen

Please re-read the three  
myths independently or to an  
adult.

If you are finding the text too  
tricky to read, ask an adult to  
read it to you and share the  
book together.

Complete these tasks:

1) Put a tick in the box if the myth contained the feature given on the left hand side.

|  | The Golden<br>Touch | The Gift | The Riddle of<br>the Sphinx |
|--|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Has an element of bad behaviour                |                     |          |                             |
| Has a hero who does a brave deed               |                     |          |                             |
| Contains characters that are gods              |                     |          |                             |
| Contains characters that are magical<br>beasts |                     |          |                             |

2) Which myth had the least amount of punishment for the bad behaviour? Explain your answer.

3) In 'The Gift', the gods are portrayed as being good and evil. Explain how.

## Mark Scheme

| Day     | Follow-Up Task Answers   |
|---------|--|
| Monday  | <p>1) What does devour mean? Record the definition and then use the word 'devour' in your own sentence.<br/>Devour means to eat. (1)<br/>Give a mark for any sentence that uses devour in place of 'to eat'. Example: The lion devoured his prey after the long, exhausting hunt. (1)</p> <p>2) Would you feel sympathy for someone who was being mean to someone else? Why/why not?<br/>I would not feel sympathy for someone who was mean because if someone is being mean, you shouldn't feel sorry for them. They are making the wrong choice about something they know they shouldn't do. (1)</p> <p>3) What do you think allows a myth to be seen as famous?<br/>I think a myth is famous because it has been told by many people OR it has been told for thousands of years. (1)</p> <p>4) Write two things that a myth may be about.<br/>A myth could be about [Any two of the below](1):<br/>Lessons about bad behaviour<br/>Heroes whom have been brave<br/>Gods<br/>Magical beasts</p> <p>5) What information on page 7 shows us that Midas was greedy?<br/>Midas was greedy since he always wanted more. (1)</p> <p>6) Look at page 8. React and write – Do you think Midas will be happy after he gets his wish? Why/Why not?<br/>Yes, I think Midas will be happy after he gets his wish because [followed by a valid reason such as] – he gets more each time, gold is expensive so he would be happy if he had lots etc. (1)<br/>NO, I think Midas will not be happy after he gets his wish because [followed by a valid reason such as] – he would then start wanting something else as he always wants more, he could turn the wrong things to gold etc. (1)</p> |
| Tuesday | <p>1) Why do you think the god granted the wish even though he shook his head, suggesting it was not a good wish?<br/>I think the god still granted the wish because he wanted him to learn a lesson OR because he knew that Midas would regret his choice and understand not to be greedy. (1)</p> <p>2) Name three things that turned to gold because of Midas's new power.<br/>Three things that turned to gold in the story were [any of the below options]:<br/>Leaves, doors, his bed, his throne, his daughter, his food (1)<br/>Do not accept 'sand'. The sand was sprinkled with gold, it did not turn to gold.</p> <p>3) State two things Midas did to show he regretted his choice of wish.<br/>Two thing Midas did to show he regretted his choice of wish were [any of the below](1):</p>   |

He screamed when his daughter hugged him  
The king groaned  
He ran to and begged the traveller to return things to normal  
He washed his hands in the river, as asked.

4) What was the underlying message of this myth? Remember – myths teach about bad behaviour.

The message is that we should not be greedy and try to be happy/grateful for what we have. (1)

OR

The message is that greed is not a good trait to have and doesn't end up benefitting us. (1)

5) What wish would you have made instead and what quality (such as greed, kindness, intelligence) would your wish show about you?

Give two points (2) for wish and an explanation of a linking trait. For example:

I would wish for there to be no homeless people. This would show that I am selfless and thoughtful person

I would wish that I never forget anything I've learned. This would show that I am a person that is aspirational and determined.

Wednesday

1) Who felt sympathy for the humans and why?

Prometheus felt sympathy for the humans because they were cold, hungry and living in the dark. (1)

2) Do you think Prometheus deserved to be punished? Why/Why not?

Give one mark for an answer that is alike one of the two below: (1)

I do not think Prometheus deserved to be punished because he was trying to be kind, caring and helpful to the humans.

I do think Prometheus deserved to be punished because he went against his leader's rules and wishes.

3) How would you describe Zeus's character? Provide two pieces of evidence that supports your opinion.

Give (1) mark for a personality trait backed up by a form of evidence alike to those in the table below:

| <u>Evidence for good traits</u>          | <u>Evidence for bad traits</u>                                  |
|--|---|
| He put hope in the box                   | He did not want humans to have fire                             |
| Zeus was the king of the gods (powerful) | Zeus refused. "Fire is only for us."                            |
|  | Zeus acted on his anger quickly                                 |
|  | He wanted to punish Prometheus and the people                   |
|  | He filled the box with horrible things for the people to endure |
|  | He laughed and laughed at the people's struggles                |

Example:

I think Zeus was sly because he filled the box with horrible things, knowing Pandora would want to open it.

4) Name three things that came out of Pandora's box.

Three things that came out of Pandora's box were [Any three from below:] (1)

Hatred, envy, greed, sickness, war and hope.

5) Look at page 16. React and write - What kind of world did people live in before Pandora opened her box? Give at least one piece of evidence to support your opinion.

Give (1) mark for an answer alike to below:

A world where people got along and there were not many problems.

6) What do you think the message in this myth is?

Give (1) mark for an answer alike to one below:

The message is that you shouldn't go against rules/instructions

The message is that through bad times, there is always a little hope and positivity.

Thursday

1) How was the sphinx a punishment to the people?

The sphinx was a punishment because its riddle meant that they couldn't leave the city or have new people come as they would die if they got it wrong. It made the people feel trapped. (1)

2) Why was Thebes referred to as a prison?

Thebes was referred to as a prison because the people felt locked in and they could not escape. (1)

3) How does the stranger in the story help the story to be classed as a myth? (Refer to the definition of a myth if you are stuck.)

The stranger is a brave hero which is often a character in Greek myths. (1)

4) How would you describe the sphinx as it prepared to attack the stranger at the end?

The sphinx felt confident that the stranger would not get the riddle correct. (1)

5) Do you think the man should have been made king? Support your answer with at least one piece of evidence.

Give (1) mark for an answer similar to below:

I think the man should have been made king because he was cleverer than the rest of the city as he got the riddle correct.

The man should have been made king because he saved the city by getting the riddle correct and removing the sphinx.

In my opinion, the stranger should not have been made king because he only got rid of the sphinx, the city do not know anything more about him.

Friday

1) Put a tick in the box if the myth contained the feature given on the left hand side.

This is a 3 mark question.

Award 1 mark for 2 correct answers

Award 2 marks for 4 correct answers

Award 3 marks for all 8 correct answers

|   | The Golden Touch | The Gift | The Riddle of the Sphinx |
|---|------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Has an element of bad behaviour             | ✓                | ✓        | ✓                        |
| Has a hero who does a brave deed            |                  |          | ✓                        |
| Contains characters that are gods           | ✓                | ✓        | ✓ (gods are mentioned)   |
| Contains characters that are magical beasts |                  |          | ✓                        |

2) Which myth had the least amount of punishment for the bad behaviour? Explain your answer.

Award one mark for the correct myth and one mark for the explanation

The myth with the least amount of punishment was 'The Golden Touch'. This is because, in The Golden Touch, Midas's life returns to normal when he washed his hands. However, in the other two myths, people are either locked up or there is a chance of death due to the punishment. (2)

3) In 'The Gift', the gods are portrayed as being good and evil. Explain how.

Award one mark for explaining how they are portrayed as good and one mark for how they are portrayed as bad (2). Options for answers are below:

| Evidence for god being good                      | Evidence for gods being bad               |
|--|---|
| Prometheus felt sympathy for the humans          | Prometheus went against Zeus              |
| Prometheus gave the people fire                  | Zeus would not allow the humans fire      |
| Zeus put a gift of hoe in the box for the humans | Zeus got angry and locked Prometheus away |
|  | Zeus sent the humans a box of problems    |
|  | Zeus laughed at the humans problems       |