



### **Design your own Mythical Character**

The Greeks used stories about the gods to explain why the world was how it was. Their stories often had a moral message too about how to behave.

Can you design your own mythological character inspired by those of Ancient Greece?

Are they a God, Goddess, Hero or Monster? What are their powers? What do they control?

Here is an example. We chose to create a Goddess.





Once you have created your mythical character why not try writing a short story about them. Questions to think about include:

- Where do they live?
- Do they have friends, and if so who are they?
- What happens on their adventure?
- How does the story end?
- Is there a moral message to your story?



Here is an example.

#### The story of Zooanna and the escaped Eagle

Zooanna was busy preparing breakfast for all of the sacred animals. She had fed Hera's peacock and Athena's owl and was on her way to feed Zeus's eagle when she noticed that one of the window's was wide open. Shaking her head, she closed it and continued on her way. When she got to the room that the eagle stayed in, she was horrified to find it empty. The eagle was gone!

Zooanna run around checking all of the rooms, but the eagle was nowhere to be found. Then she remembered the open window. The eagle must have escaped.

Zooanna called for her friend Hermes. Hermes was the messenger of the gods but could also travel very fast. Zoanna explained what had happened and Hermes told her not to worry – he would find the missing eagle. Hermes began searching, first around Mount Olympus where the Gods lived and then below the mountain where the mortals lived.

While searching, Hermes noticed a big, strange looking cloud. It had to be Zeus, King of the Gods (Zeus could transform himself into lightning bolts and clouds quite easily). Sure enough, circling the cloud was the eagle. Hermes pulled a piece of meat out of his bag and held it in the air. The eagle flew over, landed on his arm, and began to eat the meat. Quickly Hermes returned the eagle to Zooanna and she was able to place the eagle back in its room. She thanked Hermes and gave him some of his favourite cake that she had baked that morning.

Zooanna never left the window open again.



## **Create your own Mythical Creature**

Name of character:

Role of Character:

Responsible for:



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## **Creative writing**

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