MYTHOLOGY RESEARCH PAPER

In order to understand Homer’s The Odyssey, we need a background of Greek Mythology and its gods, goddesses, monsters and heroes. Therefore, you will be writing your first research paper with close attention to the Greek gods and heroes.

First, you need to pick a god, goddess, hero, heroine, or monster in Greek or Roman mythology. Let’s take Zeus, for example.

Secondly, you will research an “equivalent” in another culture of your choice from the partial list below: (example: Thor in Norse mythology). This choice must be completed today in the library.

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Next, you will need to complete a Venn diagram comparing and contrasting the two gods (or goddesses, etc.) Mr. McPhee has provided a Word template for the Venn diagram that you can download from our website.

Most of the gods and heroes faced many challenges. Here is the next portion of your assignment.

- Research challenges faced by your two gods. Find at least two challenges (one per god/hero) with a universal theme. Some of the themes that are prevalent in Greek Mythology are:
  - Fate
  - Violence begets violence
  - Arrogance and pride
  - Rewarding goodness
  - Retribution for evil
  - Beauty
  - Love
  - Conflict
  - Redemption

- Identify a time in your life where you dealt with that same theme.

- Focusing on the universal theme, discuss these challenges and how they were resolved. This must be done in the form of an essay, MLA format, 2-4 pages, typed, double-spaced.

- All research for this paper must be from books only. That means, no web sites or Wikipedia, etc. You must use at least two sources. You may also use references from Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek Myths.