

# Mythology, Drama, and Fiction

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# Warm Up Tuesday, February 21

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Finish this lead.

1. Laughter is like \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

Troy is writing an expository essay explaining the importance of laughter. His main reason he will be using to prove that laughter is positive is that laughter can turn a bad day into a good one.

2. Write a thesis statement for Troy's expository essay about laughter.

# Writing Review Book

Apostrophes ('s)

        
Used for Combining words= contraction

Used to show ownership

SINGULAR

1 person owns something

Add 's

Examples:

Plural

More than one person owns something

Add s'

Examples:

Exception:  
Its = ownership  
It's- It is

# Intro to Mythology

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Heroic and larger than life qualities:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJCm8W5RZes>

# Before we read

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What does the word curiosity mean?

What are some things you have been curious about?

Did your curiosity lead to something positive or something negative? Explain.

# Pandora's Box: Drama

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1. Go to Irons Junior High Teachers
2. Click on Ms. Onks's Website
3. Click on [elawithmsonks.weebly.com](http://elawithmsonks.weebly.com)
4. Go to More
5. Go to mythology
6. Click the button for Pandora's Box

# After Reading

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Is curiosity a good attribute? When does it become negative? What would a person be like with no curiosity?

Is it ever right to break a promise?

Why is hope so important to the world?

# Exit Ticket

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Write your answer on a sticky note and post it on the chart paper.

Curiosity is a blessing/curse because

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# Warm Up Wednesday, February 22

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Finish this lead.

1. Overcoming something difficult is like \_\_\_\_\_; (add a sentence explaining this simile.)\_\_\_\_\_

Sylvia is writing an essay about the importance of overcoming obstacles. She would like to prove that overcoming something hard creates future success and inspires others.

2. Write a thesis statement for Sylvia's essay about overcoming obstacles.

# Writing Review Book

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## Semicolons ;

1. Use instead of a period. (sentences must be on same topic)

Example: I am tired. I want a nap.

I am tired; I want a nap.

\*\*\*NEVER\*\*\* use with a FANBOYS

## Colons :

1. Use to make a list

Example: I went to Target to buy a few things: a toothbrush, gum, and socks.

2. To explain your point.

One player cannot be ignored: Tom Brady.

# Curiosity Killed the Cat

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Why did the author purposefully misspell the word fury in line 18?

- A. The author was emphasizing the amount of cat hair the owner always found in the house.
- B. The author was emphasizing the amount of cat fur resulting from the dog's actions.
- C. The author was emphasizing how angry the dog was.
- D. The author needs a better editor

# Curiosity Killed the Cat

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How did Curiosity kill the cat?

- A. The neighbor's dog became curious about the cat that lived next door.
- B. The neighbor's dog escaped its leash.
- C. The cat became curious about its owner's busy day.
- D. The cat became curious about the dog in the neighbor's yard.

# Comparing Texts across genres

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Which idea do both “Curiosity Killed the Cat” and “Pandora’s Box” both emphasize?

- A. Curiosity is a character trait often accompanied by laziness & hatred.
- B. Even though life can be filled with negativity, it is important to rely on hope.
- C. Giving in to curiosity can lead to negative outcomes.
- D. Curiosity and hope go hand in hand.

# Are you curious?

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1. What does the word insatiable mean in paragraph 4?
  - A. an uncomfortable urge
  - B. a desire that is impossible to satisfy
  - C. unlimited curiosity
  - D. something you want, even though you know you can't have it

# Are you curious?

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1. Curiosity helped NASA discover –
  - A. what the surface of Mars looked like
  - B. the telephone
  - C. how to move electric currents through a wire
  - D. life on mars

# Comparing Across Genres

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Read these sentences from the selection.

***Sure, the quest for knowledge can involve risk. There is even a famous proverb... meaning that our desire to know can be dangerous.***

6. What idea does the author communicate with these sentences that is similar to the ideas in Pandora's Box?
- A. Oftentimes, our curiosity could lead us into trouble.
  - B. Even though risk is involved, it is important to give into your curiosity.
  - C. Curiosity can be risky, but can lead to important discoveries.
  - D. Hope for the future knowledge is more important than fear of discovering the truth.



READ the following quote

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Curiosity: It keeps us moving forward, exploring, experimenting, and opening new doors.

Think about the following statement:

Sometimes curiosity can lead us forward, but sometimes curiosity can get us into trouble.

WRITE an essay explaining whether it is important to be curious.

# Warm Up Thursday, February 23

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Imagine being taken from your family to live in a small room for the rest of your life. Suffering from extreme boredom and health problems, you are forced to perform for people who come to stare at you. This is a reality for marine mammals who live in captivity at zoos and theme parks. Marine mammals are a part of nature and should not be bought, sold or thrown in an aquarium.

Use the previous introduction to write a conclusion for an essay.

# Writing Review Book

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## Quotation Marks

Go around a speaker's EXACT words.

Examples:

1. "I want to be a captain," Grayson screamed.
2. Grayson screamed, "I want to be a captain."
3. "I want to be a captain," Grayson screamed, "because I can be in control."

HIGHLIGHT ALL COMMAS and QUOTES

# Small Group- Mythology Dramas

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3. Click on [elawithmsonks.weebly.com](http://elawithmsonks.weebly.com)
4. Go to More
5. Go to mythology
6. Click the button for the myth you have been assigned

While you and your group read the myth, you will be filling in the chart about the elements of your myth.

When you are done, you will answer the corresponding questions online.

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**After reading the drama with your group, together answer the corresponding questions from my website.**

# Exit Ticket

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On a notecard:

Name

1. Your Group's Myth
2. The Moral/Theme of the Drama
3. How is the story more clear because it is written as a play and not a story?

# Warm Up Friday, February 24

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Curiosity, at times, can be harmful because we may learn something we didn't want to know.

Jared wants to write a body paragraph explaining how curiosity was harmful for Pandora because it introduced evil into the world.

1. Write a topic sentence for Jared's body paragraph.
2. Write the last sentence for Jared's body paragraph, tying his paragraph back to his thesis.

# Writing Review Book

## Homophones

To- preposition

Too- amount (too much)/ also

Two- 2

There- location (plug in here)

Their-ownership (plug in our)

They're- they are

Your-ownership

You're- you are

Its- ownership

It's - it is

Our-ownership

Are- helping verb

Than- comparison

Then- time

Whether- or not

Weather- sunny, cloudy, etc



Character  
Name

Character  
Name

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Illustration of important scene from the play

Theme

# Name of Play

One sentence summary

# Gallery Walk/Presentation

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As you learn about each myth, fill in the theme, or the moral, of the myth on your paper.

# Reflection

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Which myth did you relate to the most?

Why?

Monday, February 27, 2017

**On a new sheet of paper, choose one of the following topics to write about. It must be one page.**

Write about a time you were curious.

Write about a time you didn't listen to your parents or to an adult.

Write about a time you experienced greed.

Write about a time you experienced envy or jealousy.

Write about a time you were determined.

Write about a time you made a bad decision without thinking.