



# Greek Quest Myths

Paragraph examples

# Paragraph 1 - First Example

- Long, long ago, a boy called Jason lived in a small village where the land was dry and hard as the rains rarely fell in the summer. The few bare trees stood silently like guards keeping watch and the starving livestock roamed slowly over the land in the hot sun. Even the nearby stream seemed to move in slow motion as its meagre trickle of water struggled downstream. The thirsty villagers dreamed of cooling rains as they worked tirelessly to provide food for their starving families. The children dreamed of tables filled with luscious foods fit for a king making their tummies rumble as loud as a tiger's roar. Life was bleak.

# Paragraph 1 - Second Example

- Once upon a time, a girl called Daisy lived in a grand palace that sat on the top of a large hill overlooking the city like a silent guard. Its white towers stood tall and proud as the flags, as colourful as a rainbow, flapped wildly in the breeze. The city surrounded the palace and had a noisy, bustling market place where the people traded goods and gossiped loudly. Most of the people were happy and full of life. The children would run laughing through the narrow streets that twisted and turned like a maze as they played games and stole food from the stalls in the market. Life seemed perfect.

# Paragraph 2 - First Example

- The villagers believed that the hot and dry weather was the fault of the mighty beast, Septron! Septron lived in the Death Mountains and loved to swim in cool waters, so he stole all of the much needed rain and cool winds. Using his muscled wings, the beast would carefully search for all the black, fluffy clouds so that he could quickly drain all the rain from them and take them to his lair. If he didn't find any, he would become furious and breathe fire from his three heads destroying anything in his way. He would tear down whole forests and houses with his vicious claws that were as sharp as knives and with a sweep of his massive, dragon like tail, demolish everything around! As a result, no rain ever fell on the dry and thirsty crops therefore they never grew. Because of this, the people in the village were slowly starving! The only answer was for someone to kill the beast so that the rains would fall again and crops and livestock would grow. But who would be brave enough to do this?

# Paragraph 2 - Second Example

- However, the city people did have one fear. Every seven years, a vicious beast called Septron would demand that six children be sent to its lair. If these children weren't made as a sacrifice, then Septron would descend on the city and destroy everything with its three fire breathing heads, huge, muscled wings and dragon like tail. Its claws were as sharp as knives and it would tear down walls and pick up livestock and people and quickly fly off with them. A visit from Septron was horrific! Therefore, the people agreed that they should send the children. As the time drew nearer and nearer to the time to pick those to be sacrificed, the noise in the city became less and less because families spent more and more time inside keeping their children close as they feared that soon they may have to send them to their deaths! It was terrible but what else could they do?

# Paragraph 3

- Jason, like others, didn't know what could be done. Sometimes, he would lay awake in the dark of the night, worrying that he and his family would starve to death! During the day, Jason would try to forget his fears and always work hard as he tended the small flocks and herds as best he could. Due to the long hours he often spent in the sun, his skin was as golden as the sun and his muscles as strong as an ox. He was an honest boy and everybody in the village loved him. After one extremely hot day, he came to a momentous decision and at the next village meeting he slowly rose to his feet and announced, "I will slay the beast!"

# Paragraph 4 - Journey

- The next day, after lots of tearful good byes, Jason set sail for the Island of Ena where the beast lived. He felt nervous but also exhilarated as he proudly stood at the prow and felt the wind batter his body. However, over the next few days the seas were extremely unkind. The wind whistled through the sails and rigging as the boat battled bravely on its journey to the Island of Ena where the beast lived. Jason clung tightly to the sides of the boat as the waves crashed furiously over the sodden decks and the boat plunged into the fierce seas. As his body shook with tremors, due to both the cold and fear, Jason wondered if he would ever see grass and trees again. After five horrendous days, Jason was woken by the cabin boy gently shaking his shoulder.

# Journey continued (This could be new paragraph)

- After hastily packing a bag, Jason quickly climbed from the battered ship onto the sandy cove and began walking towards the forbidding mountains in the distance. After a short walk, Jason arrived at Wild Wood. Anxiously, he peered into the dark, gloomy wood and then slowly followed the path into the depths of the forest. The further he walked the colder it got and there was an eerie silence. Suddenly, he tripped! The pain in his leg was excruciating! As Jason tried to stand up, something snaked around his ankles so he couldn't get away. The roots, that were thick on the forest floor, were moving! They tightly wrapped their gnarled branches

tighter around Jason's leg and began to drag him deeper into the wood. Jason knew that he had to do something because it was imperative that he reach the creature, who lived in the mountains, if he was to save his village. As he was being dragged, he quickly rummaged in his bag until he found his dagger and being careful not to cut his leg, he slashed frantically at the evil roots. Finally he was free!

# Another paragraph about the journey

- After a gruelling two days travelling, Jason found himself at the edge of a vast lake. The cool, calm waters, which reflected like a mirror, seemed to beckon to him and without thinking he began to wade into its soothing depths. His body, sore and aching from his adventures, began to feel relaxed and healed. Then, Jason lay on his back, closed his eyes and drifted aimlessly in the waters. Before long, he realised that he couldn't drift here forever and so began to swim, as quickly as he could, back to the bank. Suddenly, something grabbed his leg. He kicked out in panic but couldn't get free. He was sinking! Was this finally the end for Jason? Had he been defeated before even finding the beast? All of a sudden, Jason felt something across his face, it was a branch! Without a second thought, Jason reached out and grabbed the branch, grasping it tightly with all his might. Using all the strength he could muster, he pulled himself towards it, finally freeing himself. Desperately, Jason swam towards the river bank. After taking a few moments to catch his breath, Jason noticed something shining in the distance... (this is your magical object).

# The Creature's Lair

- After several days walking, Jason found himself at the mouth of the cave where the beast lived. Cautiously, he glanced inside. Everything was as black as night and he couldn't see anything but he heard a slithering and hissing noise that was getting louder and louder. Quickly, he glanced round. There was nowhere to hide but whatever was making the noise was getting slowly closer and closer. What could he do? Where could he hide?

# The Creatures Lair continued

- As Jason squinted into the cave, he could see a huge, lumbering shape silhouetted against the crumbly wall of the cave. It slowly became clearer and clearer until he could actually see the figure. There, in front of him, stood the beast! Its evil ruby red eyes shone like lights in the darkness and its scaly body and vicious claws, as sharp as knives, made Jason shudder. How was he going to defeat such a beast? As Jason continued to stare the creature moved steadily closer to where he stood rooted to the ground. Jason's heart pounded loudly in his chest and his knees trembled!

# The Battle

- Jason crouched, took a deep breath and charged wildly towards the beast, waving his sword threateningly in the air. Slowly, the monster turned to glare at him with its piercing eyes. Bravely, Jason continued with his advance until he could lunge at Medusa with his sword. The creature ducked down quickly, arched her scaly back and hissed in annoyance. One of the snake strands of hair viciously snapped in front of Jason's face. He rapidly drew back in fear. For what seemed like hours, Jason and Medusa fought heroically with each causing injury to each other. Jason felt fire shoot swiftly up his arm as one of the fangs grazed his skin whilst his trusty sword sliced cleanly through Medusa's tough, scaly skin. Medusa stumbled backwards and let out an almighty scream that made Jason's ears ring. Slowly, she fell to her knees and finally tipped forward onto the ground. The beast was dead!

# Ending

- Jason returned to his ship and after what seemed like a lifetime he arrived home. As he walked into the village, everybody stopped and stared in disbelief at first and then slowly, huge grins appeared on their faces as they ran towards him. They surrounded him, shouting greetings and asking about the beast. "The beast is dead!" shouted Jason proudly. Suddenly, the crowd parted and his mother gathered him in her arms and hugged him tightly as tears streamed down her face. "We thought you were dead," she whispered. For the first time in weeks, Jason felt safe again and as he relaxed in his mother's warm embrace a wave of exhaustion overtook him as the crowds cheered loudly.

# If you're feeling brave.....

- Quest myths we're often used to explain a natural phenomenon such as the galaxy, sun, moon etc. See the example below.
- The people of the village were so pleased with Jason that they made him the leader of the village. He ruled fairly for the rest of his life and his people loved him. When he died, the gods decided to put him in the night sky as a reminder to others to act bravely and heroically. You can still see him today, he is the first star that comes out at night and shines the brightest.