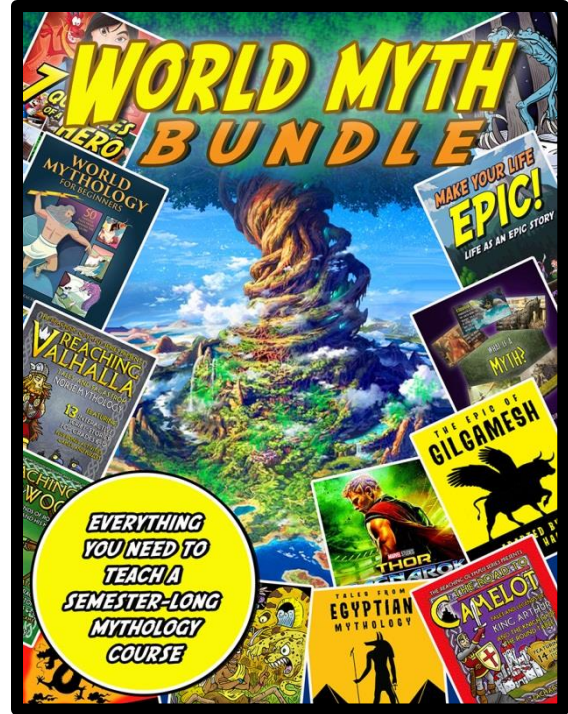


WORLD MYTHOLOGY COURSE OUTLINE (1 SEMESTER)

Introduction: Have you always wanted to teach a top-notch world mythology course but didn't know where to start? This day-by-day outline will show you *exactly* how I run my own semester-long world mythology course, which includes units on Mesopotamian, Egyptian, and Norse mythology, the legends of King Arthur and Robin Hood, and diverse myths from each and every corner of the globe. All the materials on this outline are either available as free downloads on my website CreativeEnglishTeacher.com or as sale items in the website store. If you would like to buy all of the materials at once, the [World Myth Bundle](#), bundles them into a single purchase.



Scope and Sequence: The course consists of 92 planned days of instruction. Numbers appearing to the left of assignment titles indicate the days of instruction.

Resources: A full list of resources used in this outline appears at the end of the document. The script-stories listed here come from volumes of the *Reaching Olympus* series while other selections are from *32 Short Myths from Around the World*, a teaching packet that includes 2-page myths with post-reading questions for discussion or written response. All of the necessary resources can be purchased with the **World Myth Bundle** available in our website store: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/olympus-bundle-everything-you-need-to-teach-a-semester-long-mythology-course>

Using Script-Stories in the Classroom: Each volume within the *Reaching Olympus* series contains an introduction outlining practices for using script-stories in the classroom.

- **Anticipatory Set:** Each script-story includes a series of anticipatory questions to get students engaged in the content of the story.
- **Assessment:** Each script-story contains five recall questions that can be used as a post-script-story quiz.
- **Quizzes and Exams:** Several other quizzes and exams appear on the course outline, and these are also available for sale on the website or as part of the World Myth Bundle.

Unit One: Ancient Beginnings (10 days)

1. **“What Is a Myth?” Presentation**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/what-is-a-myth-presentation-worksheet-guided-questions>
2. **“Move to Sunny Mesopotamia” (worksheet)**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/mesopotamia-brochure-move-to-sunny-mesopotamia>
 - b. **“The Theft of Destiny” and “The Storm God and the Dragon” (short Mesopotamian myths)**
 - c. Source: [*32 Short Myths from Around the World*](#)
3. **“Lugalbanda: The Littlest Prince: A Mesopotamian Myth” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [*Hero Tales from World Mythology*](#)
4. **“Gilgamesh: Part I” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/gilgamesh-script-stories-digital-e-book>
5. **“Gilgamesh: Part II” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/gilgamesh-script-stories-digital-e-book>
6. **“Gilgamesh: Part III” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/gilgamesh-script-stories-digital-e-book>
7. **“Life in Ancient Egypt” (worksheet)**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/life-in-ancient-egypt-packet>
8. **“Isis and Osiris” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/tales-from-egyptian-mythology-a-script-story-collection>
9. **“The Search for Osiris” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/tales-from-egyptian-mythology-a-script-story-collection>
10. **“Horus the Avenger” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/tales-from-egyptian-mythology-a-script-story-collection>

Unit Two: Tales from around the World (29 days)

1. **7 Qualities of a Hero Presentation**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/the-seven-qualities-of-a-hero-bundle-the-heros-journey-presentation-using-disneys-mulan>
 - b. Look for these qualities in the hero stories you read from around the world.
2. **“Momotaro the Peach Boy: A Japanese Myth” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [*Hero Tales from World Mythology*](#)
3. **“The Tanuki Tea Kettle” (Japanese) and “The Nine-Tailed Fox” (Korean)**
 - a. Source: [*32 Short Myths from Around the World*](#)

4. "Po-Wan the Generous: A Chinese Folktale" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Hero Tales from World Mythology](#)
5. "The Cowherd and the Weaver Maiden" (Chinese) and "Urashima Taro" (Japanese)
 - a. Source: [32 Short Myths from Around the World](#)
6. "Li Chi the Serpent-Slayer: A Chinese Myth" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Hero Tales from World Mythology](#)
7. "The Dragon's Pearl" (Chinese) and "The Magic Oysters" (Indonesian)
 - a. Source: [32 Short Myths from Around the World](#)
8. "Anansi and the Sky God's Stories: A West African Myth" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Hero Tales from World Mythology](#)
9. "Obatala Creates the World" (West African) and "The Coming of Darkness" (Sierra Leonean)
 - a. Source: [32 Short Myths from Around the World](#)
10. "Lelimo the Giant and the Magic Cap" (Southern African) and "The Sacrifice of Wanjiru" (Kenyan)
 - a. Source: [32 Short Myths from Around the World](#)
11. "Gihilihili, the Snake-Man" (Rwandan) and "The Thunder Bride" (Zulu)
 - a. Source: [32 Short Myths from Around the World](#)
12. "The Hero Twins in the Land of the Dead: A Mayan Myth" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Hero Tales from World Mythology](#)
13. "The Star Maiden" (Xerente People), "How Jaguar Lost His Fire" (Kayapo), and "Paraparawa and Waraku" (Trio)
 - a. Source: [32 Short Myths from Around the World](#)
14. "Quetzalcoatl Wins Music for the Earth" (Aztec) and "The Rod of Gold" (Incan)
 - a. Source: [32 Short Myths from Around the World](#)
15. "The Magic Lake: A Folktale from Ecuador" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Hero Tales from World Mythology](#)
16. "The Kelpie" (Scottish) and "The Serpent Woman" (Spanish)
 - a. Source: [32 Short Myths from Around the World](#)
17. "The Deeds of Finn MacCool: An Irish Myth" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Hero Tales from World Mythology](#)
18. "Vasilisa the Brave: A Russian Folktale" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Hero Tales from World Mythology](#)
19. "Scheherazade" (Persian and Indian), "The Fisherman and the Genie" (Persian and Indian), and "The Tiger, the Brahman, and the Jackal" (Indian)
 - a. Source: [32 Short Myths from Around the World](#)
20. "The Blizzard Witch" (Nenet) and "Raven Steals the Light" (Haida)
 - a. Source: [32 Short Myths from Around the World](#)
21. "Gluscabi and the Wind Eagle" (Abenaki) and "Lodge-Boy and Thrown Away" (Crow)
 - a. Source: [32 Short Myths from Around the World](#)
22. "Grandfather Chenoo: A Native American Myth" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Hero Tales from World Mythology](#)

23. "Sedna and the Birth of the Sea Creatures" (Inuit) and "Coyote and Death" (Caddo)
 - a. Source: [32 Short Myths from Around the World](#)
24. "The Rainbow Serpent and the Wawilak Sisters" (Aboriginal Australian) and "The Taming of Kinie Ger" (Aboriginal Australian)
 - a. Source: [32 Short Myths from Around the World](#)
25. "Maui the Mighty: A Polynesian Myth" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Hero Tales from World Mythology](#)
26. View *Moana* (2016)
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/moana-viewing-guide>
27. View *Moana*
28. View *Moana*
29. "Make Your Life Epic" Writing Activity
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/make-your-life-epic>

Unit Three: Norse Myths and Legends (21 Days)

1. Introduction to Norse Mythology Presentation
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/pages/norse-mythology>
 - b. "So You Want To Be a Viking?" (worksheet)
 - i. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
 - c. Map of the World Tree
 - i. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
2. "The Building of the Wall" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
3. "The Apples of Iduna" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
4. "The Treasures of the Gods" (script-story)
 - a. Quiz over Norse gods
 - b. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
5. Norse God and Goddess Quiz
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/norse-mythology-god-and-goddess-quiz>
6. "Odin's Quest for Wisdom" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
7. "Freya the Bride" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
8. "In the Land of the Giants" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
9. "The Wooing of Gerda" (handout)
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/pages/norse-mythology>
10. "The Children of Loki" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
11. "The Death of Balder" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)

12. **“Vali, Private Avenger” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
13. **Hnefatafl: Viking Chess**
 - a. Learn how to play this print-and-play Norse board game
 - b. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/pages/norse-mythology>
14. **“Otter’s Ransom” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
15. **“The Sword of the Volsungs” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
16. **“Sigurd the Dragonslayer” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
17. **“The Fallen Valkyrie” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
18. **Valhalla Find-It Picture Puzzle**
 - a. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
19. **Norse Mythology Exam**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/norse-mythology-unit-exam>
 - b. Optional Add-on: Ragnarok Game
 - i. Source: [Reaching Valhalla: Tales from Norse Mythology](#)
 - ii. This activity takes about three class periods and can replace the viewing of *Thor Ragnarok* (2017)
20. **View *Thor Ragnarok* (2017)**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/thor-ragnarok-viewing-guide-norse-mythology-worksheets>
21. **View *Thor Ragnarok* (2017)**
22. **View *Thor Ragnarok* (2017)**

Unit Four: King Arthur and The Knights of the Round Table (25 Days)

1. **“So You Want To Be a Knight” (worksheet) and “The Quest for Character” (worksheet)**
 - a. Source: [The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur](#)
2. **Arthurian Character Notes**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/pages/knights-chivalry-and-king-arthur>
3. **“Merlin the Boy” (worksheet)**
 - a. Source: [The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur](#)
4. **“The Begetting of Arthur” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur](#)
5. **“A Tale of Two Swords” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur](#)
6. **“The Knights of the Round Table” (worksheet)**
 - a. Source: [The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur](#)

7. "Castles and Catapults" (game)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
8. "Shadows of the Past" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
9. "The Bride of the King" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
10. Heraldry (worksheet)
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/pages/knights-chivalry-and-king-arthur>
11. "The Unicorn Hunt" (script-story excerpt from *The Once and Future King*)
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/pages/knights-chivalry-and-king-arthur>
12. "The White Hart" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
13. Medieval Bestiary (activity)
 - a. Research three animals from a medieval bestiary and see how they were presented differently in the Middle Ages.
 - b. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/pages/knights-chivalry-and-king-arthur>
14. "Gawain and the Green Knight" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
15. "The Knight of the Lake" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
16. "The Holy Grail" (worksheet)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
17. "The Loves of Lancelot" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
18. "The Knight of the Cart" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
19. "The Tale of Beaumains" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
20. "Return of the Misbegotten" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
21. "The Quest of the Holy Grail" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
22. "The Trial of Guinevere" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
23. "Fall of Camelot" (script-story)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)
24. King Arthur Exam
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/products/king-arthur-unit-exam>
25. Conspiracy in Camelot (roleplaying game)
 - a. Source: [*The Road to Camelot: Tales and Legends of King Arthur*](#)

Unit Five: Robin Hood (6 Days)

1. **Introduction to Robin Hood**
 - a. Source: <https://creativeenglishteacher.com/pages/everyday-life-middle-ages>
2. **“Robin the Outlaw” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [*Reaching Sherwood: The Legends of Robin Hood and His Merry Men*](#)
3. **“The Merry Men” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [*Reaching Sherwood: The Legends of Robin Hood and His Merry Men*](#)
4. **“The Queen of Sherwood” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [*Reaching Sherwood: The Legends of Robin Hood and His Merry Men*](#)
5. **“The Black Knight” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [*Reaching Sherwood: The Legends of Robin Hood and His Merry Men*](#)
6. **“The Last Arrow” (script-story)**
 - a. Source: [*Reaching Sherwood: The Legends of Robin Hood and His Merry Men*](#)

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