Research Process

1. Select a Greek god, goddess, or mythological figure to research from the “Greek Mythology” list.

2. Find FOUR reliable sources about topic to use in your paper. You may use reliable websites, but you must use at least one printed text (book) and one online database. Wikipedia is NOT A RELIABLE SOURCE!

3. Read your four sources and note any important information you should discuss in your paper on the “Notes Sheets” (one notes sheet per source). Each source should provide you with at least 5 pieces of information—if a source doesn’t provide enough information, find a different one! Try to avoid pulling the same information from each source; the more information you have, the better off you’ll be. This information should include, but is not limited to:

   a. Who your figure is and what he or she represents (what is he or she the god/goddess of)
   b. Why is your figure important to Greek mythology (duties)?
   c. Other names (Greek or Roman) by which your figure is known
d. Who your figure is related to – mother and father, siblings, and children (if any)
e. Characteristics of your figure
f. Symbols that represent your figure
g. Sacred animals, colors, etc. associated with your figure
h. Interesting myth(s) associated with your figure
i. Enemies of your figure
j. Other interesting or essential information found in research
4. Begin writing your research paper with the information you learn about your god/goddess/hero

Be sure to give credit to all of your sources (using parenthetical documentation and works cited entries) and to use quotation marks when necessary. Your thesis should reflect the information you find interesting about your figure.

Example: Dionysus is a Greek god with a unique personality who . . . .
5. Your rough draft and typed Works Cited page will be due in class on __Monday, April 14th__.

We will have a writing workshop the day before with peer editing and revising. You must bring both your completed rough draft and your Works Cited page to receive full credit.

- Please be sure to include parenthetical documentation for all quoted and paraphrased information. Use quotation marks when you are using the words exactly as they appear in the source, and EMBED all quotes and partial quotes. You may include a block quote if you wish.
- Your paper should have an introduction, at least three body paragraphs, a conclusion, and a Works Cited page.
  - Cite all sources properly (use Son of Citation or Slate citation machine) in MLA Format or format it according to Purdue OWLs website.
  - Create a correct works cited page as you find your sources.
  - 6. For the presentation component, you will be creating a PowerPoint (2-4 slides). Your visual aid should incorporate the most important and interesting pieces of information from your project. You do not need to include parenthetical documentation in your visual aid.
7. Once we have revised and edited papers in class, you are to make the needed changes and submit your final draft **before the beginning of class** on __Thursday, April 17th _______. You MUST submit your essay to me through Google Docs and keep a copy on your computer file or a **hard copy of your paper in case it is needed**. PowerPoint Presentations are also due the same day through Google Docs—by the end of class on Thursday, April 17th. Share both your essay and your ppt with ckimble@alvinisd.net. Be careful to give proper credit to all of your sources. Plagiarism is a serious offense and will result in a zero for the assignment.