

**Myths** - A myth is a story that is, or was, considered a true explanation of the natural world and how it came to be. It is a traditional story involving Gods and supernatural events that was often used to explain the world and things we did not understand.

Characters	The Odyssey Plot	
<b>Prometheus:</b> Stole fire from the Gods	Exposition - Rising Action - Climax - Falling Action - Denouement	
<b>Medusa:</b> Punished by the Gods by having her hair turned to snakes and making anything she looks at turn to stone.	<b>Exposition:</b> the start of the story	Odysseus is held captive on Calypso's island. At home, suitors are trying to take over his house and marry his wife.
<b>Theseus:</b> Killed the Minotaur in order to save his people.	<b>Rising Action:</b> A problem is introduced	
<b>Icarus:</b> Escaped imprisonment by using wings to fly to freedom. Avoided warnings and flew too close to the sun which resulted in his death		
<b>Odysseus:</b> The hero of 'The Odyssey'	Climax: the peak of the story	Odysseus sets out for home. He faces many trials and monsters sent by the Gods, such as being shipwrecked and facing the Cyclops, sirens and Scylla and Charybdis.
<b>Calypso:</b> Kept Odysseus prisoner on her island for seven years.		
<b>The Sirens:</b> The creatures that tried to drown Odysseus and his men by singing to them	<b>Falling Action:</b> everything starts to be resolved	Odysseus returns home and battles the suitors.
<b>Scylla and Charybdis:</b> The creature with 6 heads and the dangerous whirlpool		
<b>Penelope:</b> Odysseus's wife		
<b>Thor:</b> The God of Thunder in Norse mythology	<b>Denouement:</b> things are resolved	Peace returns to Odysseus homeland.

## Vocabulary and terminology

<b>Antagonist:</b> the character who is against the protagonist	<b>Morals:</b> right and wrong
<b>Empathy:</b> putting yourself in someone else's shoes – imagining how it would feel to be them	<b>Protagonist:</b> the main character in the story
<b>Imperative:</b> a commanding word e.g. must, stay, leave	<b>Sibilance:</b> the repeated 'S' sound in two or more words
<b>Inference:</b> reading between the lines and making a guess or judgement based on the explicit information in the text	<b>Tension:</b> making the reader feel anxious about what is happening or what is going to happen
<b>Metaphor:</b> comparing one thing to another by saying that it is that thing.	<b>Verb:</b> a doing word