

Not Just for Gods and Goddesses: GREECE ENRICHMENT

Grade Level: Academically Gifted/Enrichment students (Grade 2)

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Length of Unit: Five lessons with culminating activity

I. ABSTRACT

This unit is designed as an extension of the second grade Ancient Greece theme. The students will learn vocabulary using the alphabet and words of Greek origin, enrich their research and creative writing skills, create topographical cookie maps and perform original theatrical monologues.

II. OVERVIEW

A. Concept Objective

1. Students will learn about many various aspects of Ancient Greece.
2. Students will study and research word origins from Green history.
3. Students will study and rewrite original Greek mythology.
4. Students will research and create topographical maps of Greece.
5. Students will research and perform monologues as famous Greeks.

B. Content from *Core Knowledge Sequence*

1. Geography: Mediterranean Sea, Aegean Sea, and Crete
2. Athens as a city-state
3. Olympic Games
4. Worship of gods and goddesses
5. Great thinkers: Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle

C. Skill Objectives

1. Students will obtain and apply research skills.
2. Students will apply reading and writing skills.
3. Students will learn and apply theatrical skills.

III. BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

A. For Teachers

1. *Core Knowledge Sequence*

B. For Students

1. Hirsch, Jr., E.D. *What Your Second Grader Needs to Know*. New York: Dell Publishing, 1998.
2. Dictionaries
3. Computer Lab
4. Greek Myths

IV. RESOURCES

- A. Webster Dictionaries
- B. Encyclopedias
- C. Computers/Web sites
- D. Art Teacher
- E. Popular Greek mythology

V. LESSONS

Lesson One: "ABC's of Ancient Greece:

A. Daily Objectives

1. Concept Objective
 - a. Students will learn about many various aspects of ancient Greece.
2. Lesson Content
 - a. Geography: Mediterranean Sea, Aegean Sea, and Crete