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Writing

Letter

Select a favorite Greek god, goddess, hero or heroine and choose a capacity to communicate in. Looked below are a series of assignments that give practice in writing application letters, order letters, request letters and friendly letters:

1. Your favorite mythological character has just retired. Zeus, the king of the gods, is now accepting applications for a replacement. Write a letter of application for a new character, remembering to include this character's strengths and accomplishments. Your letter should mention at least one reason why this person is a reasonable replacement. Also, be sure to include the names of both the character being replaced and the character doing the replacing. Letters can be addressed to: (bestowing of the Gods)23 Olympus Mountain, Greece. *Please note: damned souls cannot retire!

2. You will take on the role of your favorite god or goddess, hero or heroine, and will be leading an expedition on a dangerous journey (e.g., Jason questing after the Golden Fleece, Perseus seeking Medusa's head, or Hercules attempting to capture Cerberus). However, before you can assemble an army and go, you must order the necessary supplies. Letters can be addressed to: Supply Accountant/Heroic Discount Supplier/44 Olympus Way, Athens, Greece.

3. Every aspiring hero or heroine needs to receive the proper instruction and training. Fortunately, there are a few openings in the most distinguished university in ancient Greece. In order for you to secure a spot, you must write for an application, a catalog and financial aid information. Requests can be sent to: Registrar/University of the Heroes/ 380 Aphrodite Way, Laconia, Greece.

4. As the best friend of a mythological character, you must write a letter offering support, encouragement or guidance. For example, you might write to the following characters: Laertes after the death of his wife over concern for their son (sympathy and advice), Polyphemus after being tricked by Odysseus (compassion and concern), Agamemnon after being jilted by his wife (consolation), or any other character from the story. The address is up to you to come up with.