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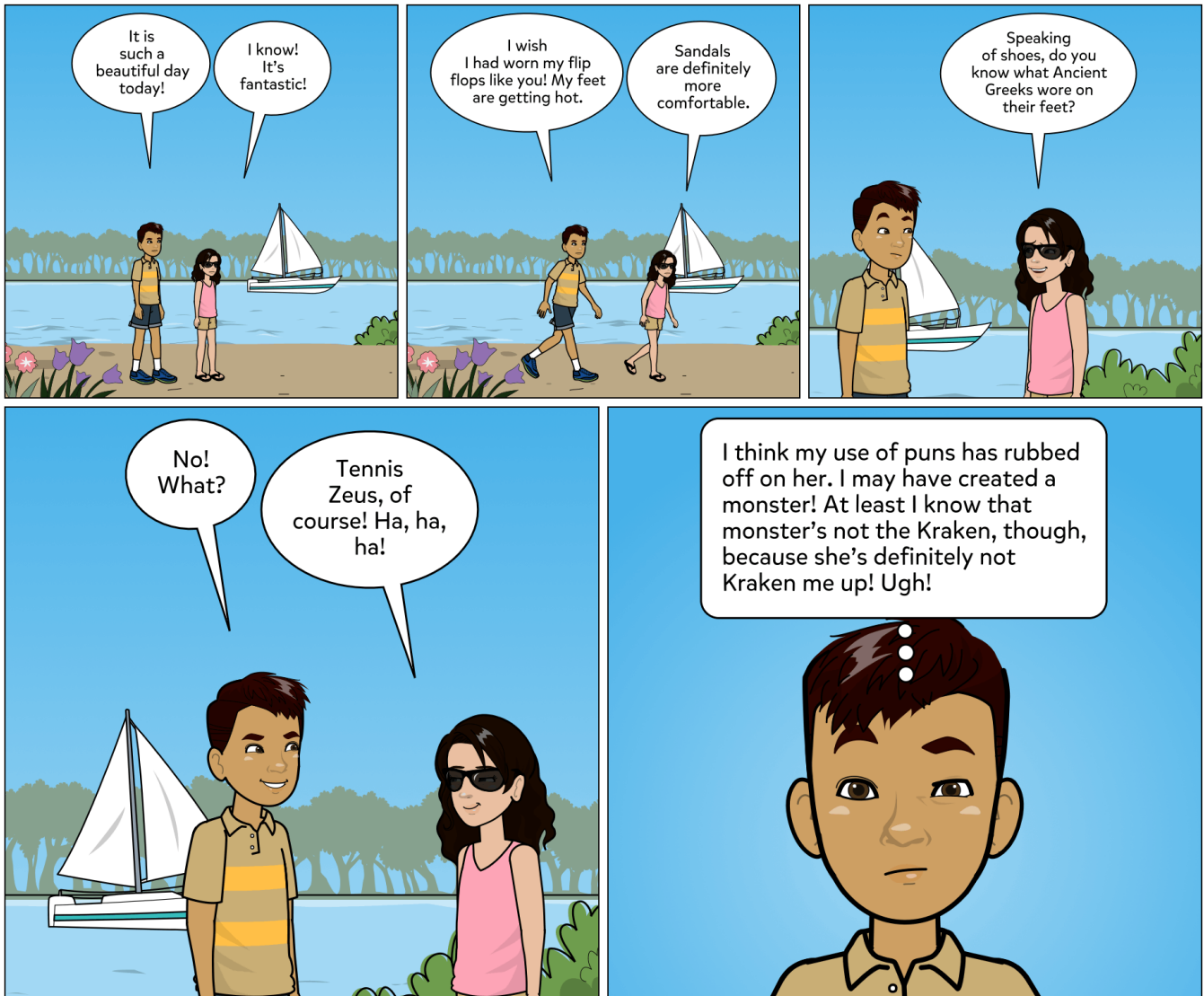
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CAUTION: Participation may lead to a lack of boredom and a tired brain!

FEATURED TOPIC THIS WEEK:
Greek Mythology



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Did You Know?

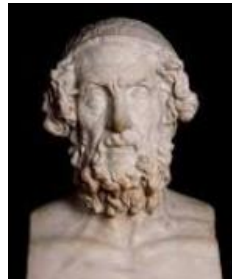
A myth is a story passed on from person to person over many years. These fictional stories often explain how or why something happened. Greek mythology revolves around twelve main gods known as the Olympians, plus Hades (the god of the underworld). In addition to the Olympians, Greek mythology also features many heroes (like Hercules) and monsters (like Medusa). You can read an overview of each god, as well as samples of the myths told about them by clicking here- [LINK](#).

Quiz Mania

How much do you know about Greek mythology? Take the quiz and then check your answers using the following webpage- [LINK](#).

1. What is the name of the goddess of love?
2. Which Greek god is the lord of the ocean?
3. What is a titan?
4. Which god is known for their winged shoes?
5. Which god is married to Aphrodite?
6. What is the name of the queen of the gods?
7. Who is the youngest Olympian?
8. Which twin gods were brother and sister?

Bio-Profile



Homer was a Greek author known for writing two famous Greek epic (very long) poems called *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*. These poems contain many exciting encounters between Greek gods, heroes, and monsters. Click the link to watch a sample story- [LINK](#).

Mystery Picture of the Week

What is the name of the building shown here? After doing your research, turn your paper upside down to find the answer.



You are looking at what is called the Old Temple of Athena located in Athens, Greece. It was built in the year 525 BC to honor Athena, the goddess of wisdom and warfare. Click this link to find out more: [HERE](#)

Virtual Field Trip

Take a Tour of Ancient Greece:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUZKg3KdtYo

Would You Rather

Run into a cyclops, Medusa, or the Minotaur?



What do you think the featured topic should be next week? Email your teacher with your thoughts.

Project-Based Bonanza

Choose one or more of the projects below to complete this week.

CHOICE A

Create a pretend Facebook page or set of trading cards for each of the 12 Olympians plus Hades.

Picture of God/Goddess
Origin:
Family:
Interests:
Weaknesses/Powers:
Symbol/Animal:
Myth Paraphrase:

CHOICE B

Build a replica of Athena's temple shown in the *Mystery Picture of the Week* using Legos, clean recycled trash, or other art supplies you have available to you at home.



CHOICE C

Imagine an ancient Greek god or goddess became friends with a character from an American tall tale (e.g., Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill, Calamity Jane, Johnny Appleseed). What would they have in common? How would they overcome their differences? Show your ideas by either creating a Venn diagram or drawing a short comic strip illustrating a conversation between the two.

Storytelling 101

Many stories written in the past follow a particular pattern we call *The Hero's Journey*. In the beginning of these tales, the soon to be hero is shown living an ordinary life. Then, out of nowhere, he or she is invited to join an adventure. The hero says no, but is soon convinced to take on the challenge by a character who becomes their mentor (wise friend). As the adventure unfolds, the hero tries and fails many times. Eventually, however, the main character overcome all odds and becomes the hero they were destined to be! Examples you may know include Harry Potter, Percy Jackson, or even The Wizard of Oz. **Your challenge is to write your own story using *The Hero's Journey* pattern.** Good luck and have fun!

Brain Teaser of the Week

According to Greek mythology, the Sphinx would ask this riddle to all who walked by. If you didn't know the answer, WATCH OUT!
Can you solve it?

Which creature walks on four legs in the morning, two legs in the afternoon, and three legs in the evening?

Digging Into Depth and Complexity

In past issues, we have learned about the Kaplan Depth and Complexity Model icons *unanswered questions, ethics, change over time, rules, trends, multiple perspectives, and patterns*. Another important icon is **details**.



This icon stands for the small pieces of information that make up a larger idea. For example, details about Zeus include that his symbol of power is the lightning bolt, he is married to Hera, and he has 54 children. These facts are nice to know, but they are not necessary to understand the significance Zeus plays in the world of the Olympians.

If you were going to make up your own pretend Greek god or goddess, what details would you include? What would their powers be? Where would they live? Who are their closest relatives? How do they get along with the other Greek gods?

