



2017-2018

World Mythology with Ms. Ball

In preparing students for the 21st century, a majority of work that students complete for World Mythology will be online. The purpose for this is: 1) colleges and universities will have an online component to their classes, if not being completely online; 2) to cut down on paper; 3) to get students comfortable with the ever-changing world of technology, and 4) to give parents/guardians a chance to be involved in their student's education. With work being online both in and out of class, students are utilizing a format that they are comfortable with, and will also learn how to better communicate with their peers through writing. Also, if a student has to miss any in-class time, they will still be able to access classroom materials necessary to keep up with the work.

Class Description

Although different myths are found around the world, myths do have commonalities. This course will analyze the commonalities of various myths and use this study to look at the modern world. Units covered are Greek and Roman mythology, Norse, King Arthur, fairy tales, and other regions depending on time available in the course. Grades are based on projects, presentations, essays and tests.

Class Content

The reading and film list may or may not include the following. Students and/or parents/guardians who do not want the student to read/view a certain piece may ask for an alternate assignment.

Introduction

Ethnocentrism and "Nacirema" reading
Culture Study with World of Warcraft

Greek Mythology

Hero's Journey
Jason and the Argonauts
Hercules
Clash of the Titans
Theseus and the Minotaur
The Iliad
The Odyssey

Roman Mythology

The Aeneid

Norse Mythology

Various myths
Beowulf
The 13th Warrior

Final Project

Culture research
MinecraftEdu build and presentation

Attendance Policy

“Action is the foundational key to all success.” ~Pablo Picasso

“Bigfork High School believes that there is a direct relationship between school attendance and student achievement. The fewer school days missed during the year, the more successful students are in the classroom. Students must attend school regularly in compliance with Montana Law (20-5-103), Compulsory Attendance and Excuses” (BHS Student Handbook).

Being in class and ready to learn is one of the most important things to being successful. If students are not in class, they will have a hard time understanding material and keeping up.

NOTE: Students must turn in all work PRIOR to being gone in the case of a field trip, sporting event, or pre-arranged absence AS IS THE SCHOOL POLICY!

Personal Technology Devices Policy

Personal technology devices (cell phones, iPods, tablets, etc.) are not allowed in Bigfork High School classrooms with the exception of when they are being used for teacher approved educational purposes.

Phones must be in silent mode, with the vibration turned off, or the teacher may confiscate!

Procedures for Technology Interruptions:

- 1st Offense: Students found with their devices out in class, without teacher permission, will lose their device to the teacher for the remainder of the day, and will have to return after school to retrieve it and have a conversation about appropriate device use.
- 2nd Offense: If the student is found with their device out a second time, the device will be taken to the office and will have to be picked up from there.

Grading Policy

All grades will be on a point system rather than a percentage value. The accumulated points will be transferred into a percentage grade. Most assignments for this class will be done in school, with just a few projects needing outside work time. Semester Finals are worth 10% of the overall grade.

Grade % Equivalent

A.....90-100%

B.....80-89%

C.....70-79%

D.....60-69%

F.....59% and below

Class Calendar and Reminders

Every class has a calendar available on my website (cballengish.weebly.com). Students and parents can print this off to have for the week/month. If there are any questions regarding anything please use the Contact Me submission form, email or call.

Important Class Websites for Students and Parents/Guardians

- Phone: 837-7420 ext. 4213
- Email: cball@bigfork.k12.mt.us or cball@bfd38.org
- Class Website: cballengish.weebly.com
- Remind: a text messaging service where the teacher can send message reminders/alerts
- Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/cballenglishmt
- Twitter: [twitter.com/@cballengish](https://twitter.com/cballenglish)
- AOL Help Chat: www.aol.com username: chucktwelve hour restrictions apply

Students and parents/guardians, be sure to review each of the sections above. If you have any questions regarding anything on this syllabus, please email me at cball@bfd38.org, or feel free to call the school to speak with me (837-7420 ext. 4213).

Note that anyone can sign up for text message reminders for this class by creating an account and joining this course with the REMIND app (available on the app store) and website (www.remind.com).

Course Code: @ballp6

Once both students and parents/guardians have read, reviewed and approved the syllabus, both the student and one parent/guardian must sign the attached signature sheet and turn it into Ms. Ball by the end of week 1 for full credit. This will be the first grade in the gradebook and it is worth 25 points. If it is turned in after week one, it will drop to ½ credit (12.5 points).

ALL STUDENTS MUST TURN IN A SIGNED SYLLABUS SHEET.
KEEP THE SYLLABUS FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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Syllabus Signature Sheet

I have read the policies and expectations for the World Mythology class with Ms. Ball and understand them. If I choose not to meet these expectations, I am willing to accept the consequences.

Student Printed Name _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian: If needed, what is the most preferred way to contact you regarding your student?

Email (please provide) _____

Phone Call (please provide) _____

Note home with student

Letter mailed home