

Online Book Club

The Curse of the Ancient Acropolis

Bring It To Life!

1. Find a list of the mythical Greek gods. Choose your favorite, and pretend you are one of them. Write a story about what your life is like as a god.
2. Ask a volunteer to create a 'Note Mystery' like the one Grant had to solve! Leave notes leading to other notes that contain clues about the mystery. Put the notes around the classroom. Divide into teams to solve the mystery.
3. Have a pretend Olympics with your class! Come up with fun, creative events like hula-hooping and jumping on one foot! Crown each champion with a ring of leaves like they did in ancient Greece!
4. Let's play a museum game! Divide the class into three groups: statues, tour guides, and visitors. Students who are statues should strike interesting poses while the tour guides make up interesting stories about them. The visitors should be sure to ask questions and make conversation with the tour guides. When your tour is over, switch groups and play again!



Online Quiz

The Curse of the Ancient Acropolis

Fact or Fiction?

Write Fact or Fiction next to each question below.

- _____ 1. Grant and Christina's flight to Greece was calm and uneventful.
- _____ 2. Baklava is Mimi's favorite Greek dessert.
- _____ 3. Grant does not believe the amulet will protect him from a curse.
- _____ 4. Grant thought that a mummy was dangling from the helicopter.
- _____ 5. Grant thought that Hercules was responsible for the curse.
- _____ 6. Apokreas is a 30-day period of celebration in Greece.
- _____ 7. The volcano in Santorini, Greece has been dormant for a long time.
- _____ 8. The Olympics were originally held in Greece to honor Zeus.
- _____ 9. Socrates was imprisoned in a cave carved into the side of a hill.
- _____ 10. Papa fell down a lot in Greece because of a sore foot.



Online Information

The Curse of the Ancient Acropolis

Fascinating Facts

Greece

1. The country of Greece includes more than 1,000 islands in the Aegean Sea and Ionian Sea.
2. Athens is the name of the capital city of Greece.
3. The Olympics were invented by the ancient Greeks as a way to honor the god Zeus.
4. The Acropolis was built on the top of a hill so that the people living in ancient Athens could better defend themselves.
5. The Parthenon was originally built as a temple for Athena, goddess of war and the patron goddess of the city of Athens.
6. When it first began, Greece was not a full country but a union of city-states. Athens and Sparta were two of these city-states.
7. Much of the Parthenon was destroyed during a battle between the Turks and Venetians in 1688.
8. The Elgin Marbles, originally part of the Parthenon, are now in a museum in London, England after the Turks sold them to the British.
9. Arokreas is a 40-day Greek celebration leading up to Easter.
10. The oldest continuously occupied part of Athens is Plaka. It is an old, historic neighborhood with many museums, shops, and restaurants.



Know your SAT Words!

The Curse of the Ancient Acropolis

SAT Words



1. buffet
2. cordial
3. obstinate
4. resolute
5. tedious

Write a sensational sentence using all five SAT Words from this mystery.



Online Book Club

The Curse of the Ancient Acropolis

Talk About It!

1. The Americans ate some interesting food when visiting Greece. What is the strangest food you've ever eaten?
2. Have you ever visited another country? If so, where did you go? What did you think of it?
3. Hitting someone on the head with a red bat is an unusual greeting. What other ways do people say 'hello' without speaking?
4. Socrates was put in a small, scary prison just for thinking differently! Do you think it's important to speak your mind?
5. Have you ever been to a museum? If so, what was it like? If not, do you think you'd like to visit one someday?
6. Christina had a nightmare that she thought was coming true. Have you ever had an eerie dream like that?
7. In the story, Papa was having a bad time dropping things and tripping! Can you remember a day when nothing seemed to work right for you?
8. Grant liked pretending he was a Greek hero. Who do you like to pretend to be?
9. Zeus could throw lightning bolts! What kind of weather would you like to be able to control?
10. Why do you think pieces of ancient art are so highly desired by so many people?

