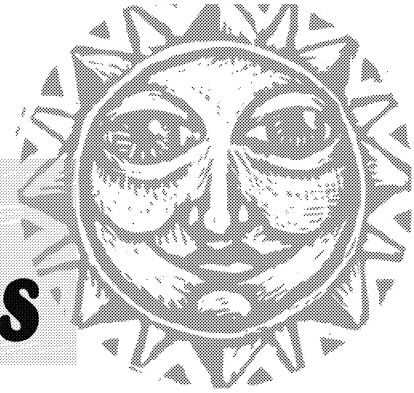
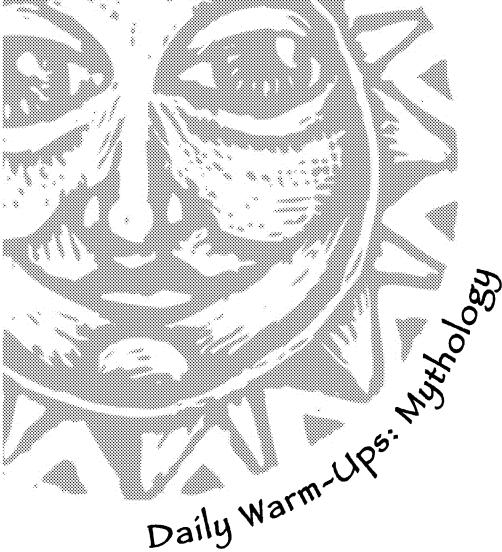


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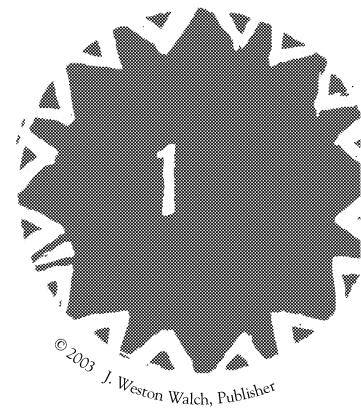
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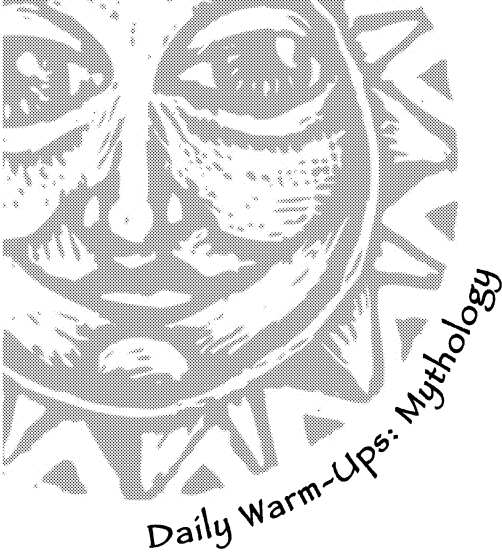
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Myths are stories that reveal important questions about birth and death, love and hate, hardship and justice. Mythology is the study of these stories and the gods, heroes, and humans that populate them.

People often use the word *myth* to suggest that an idea is “unreal.” Does it matter if a story literally took place? Reveal one of your own ideas about the human condition by writing a paragraph about a fictional person.



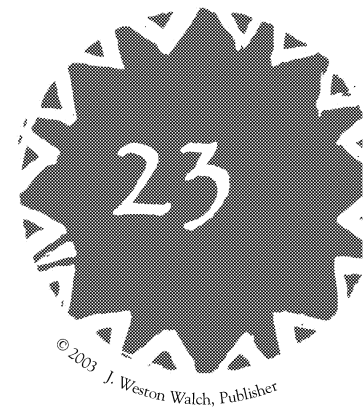


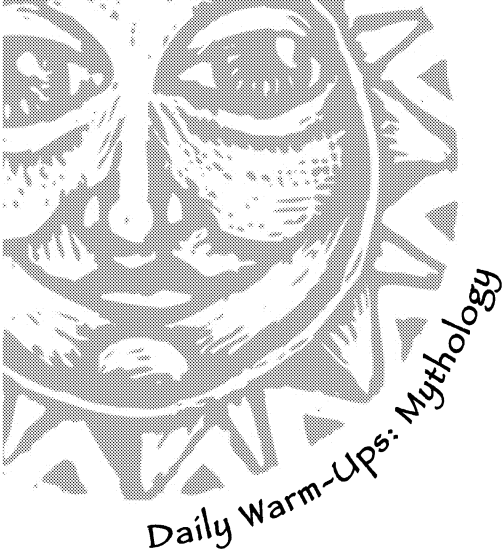
One of the Olympian gods was honored through drinking wine, dancing, and revelry.

Which god is this? Circle the letter of your answer.

- a. Athena
- b. Zeus
- c. Dionysus
- d. Demeter
- e. Poseidon

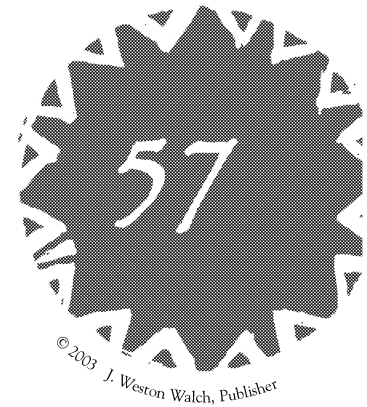
Now describe an encounter with this god. Would you be frightened or disgusted by this god? Explain.





King Eurystheus ordered a huge bronze jar to be put in the ground. The king wanted a place to hide from Heracles when the hero returned from his labors.

Describe in a paragraph how you think King Eurystheus felt when the powerful Heracles came to visit him after completing a dangerous, nearly impossible task. What does it mean for a king to hide in this manner?



Sort the following words into two groups: one related to the adventures of Heracles and the other related to the adventures of the Argonauts.

Golden Apples

Clashing Rocks

The Harpies

Lernaean Hydra

Lemnian wives

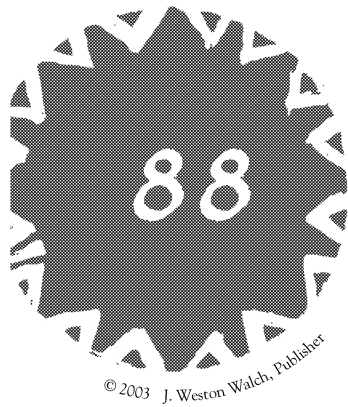
Cerberus

Scylla and Charybdis

Nemean lion

Stymphalian birds

Dolione tribe



The emblem of Thor is his hammer, Mjollnir. Zeus is associated with his thunderbolt. Objects often have connotations. They put us in a certain mood or make us think about certain concepts. A flower might make one think about beauty or spring. Gods have objects with which they are associated. These objects say something about their characters.

With what objects are you associated? Make a list of three objects and explain why each one would make a good emblem for you.

