

Final Project Guidelines

Due: Wed, Dec 8, with all components submitted to the dropbox and website by 11:59 pm.

The **final project** (worth 25%/250 points) will be posted to a section of your website; formatting and content will vary depending on students' different approaches. Overall, it should be original, innovative work that combines your personal, academic, and/or professional interests while showcasing your critical and creative skills and strengths. Your project should demonstrate a depth of learning and engagement with the course topic and within the specific contexts of Greek myth in contemporary fiction. Projects may take any form and do not need to respond directly to any of the assigned novels; rather, your project should work in dialogue with the readings by exploring a specific mode, genre, or theme related to Greek myth.

Your project must:

- Be clearly related to the course topic, and it should at least indirectly build on themes or issues found within the assigned texts and reflect the influence of class discussions. You need not address every single point made in discussions, but part of the purpose of the project is to assess your comprehension and achievement of the course content and any related theories or ideas.
- Be substantial. It should represent a serious investment of time, thought, and effort. Your project should not be incomplete, sloppy, or look like it was undertaken the weekend before it was due but reflect hours of planning, work, and refinement. This course does not require the formal writing assignments and exams that are traditional in college courses of its level; the time spent on developing or studying for these traditional components of a college course should be clearly transferred to work on your project.
- Demonstrate independent research. Whatever project you undertake, you will need to do research. This research might take many different forms and be used for a variety of purposes. Your project should not just be something that you invented out of thin air but rather should reflect how your sustained thinking around your project has drawn on the reliable work of others who have thought about the same things as you.
- Be innovative. Your project should be a genuinely new way of representing, thinking, or engaging with the course topic and the assigned texts (which is one of the reasons why you have to do some research). Your project should be unique to your interests, skills, and creative/critical strengths.

Project Suggestions

Your project might take a lot of different forms. For example, you might write a short play or story that reimagines a Greek myth (it doesn't have to be a revision of the specific myths we read in class). You could write poems, songs, or create a soundtrack inspired by the texts and myths that we've read. Maybe create an archive of objects and documents meant to represent the world of the Ancient Greeks and why their myths, stories, and culture still resonate with us today. Other options could include a research paper or nonfiction essay that explores the history, politics, or religious views of Ancient Greece; a series of video diaries, podcasts, or interviews exploring participants' ideas or thoughts about myth and its relevance today; or even a board

game created digitally or with a 3-D printer and inspired by any of the source myths/sagas we have read about (i.e., The Trojan War saga, the Odyssey, the Mycenaean tragedy). The options are wide-open and you should be thinking about and developing your project throughout the semester. You should also think about how you will engage with visual or digital media in your project since you will be posting your project to your website. However, you will be expected to provide some form/mode/genre of substantive writing.

During our last class discussion on Monday, Nov 22, we will have a project workshop, in which you will be able to discuss your ideas and progress with me and your peers. The following **Monday, Nov 29**, you will need to submit the **project proposal form** (worth 5%/50 points) so that I can provide some feedback on your ideas and approach (form is included on the course website). You will be given the entire last week of class to work on your project—**due Wed, Dec 8 by 11:59 pm** with a copy of all written components submitted in a Word document to Pilot.

Final Project Holistic Rubric—250 pts (25%)

A (100% = 250 points)	The project is excellent and innovative. It demonstrates a high-degree of work and professionalism that suggest the project was developed and refined over many weeks leading up to the deadline for its submission. The project is clearly related to the assigned texts and course topics and it offers a compelling, persuasive response to the questions with which the class was engaged throughout the semester. It demonstrates reliable and relevant research, clear organization, well-written textual information, a variety of critical and creative components, and visual quality/appeal.
B (80% = 200 points)	The project is strong and demonstrates a professionalism that suggests the project was developed and refined over several weeks leading up to the deadline for its submission. The project is clearly related to the assigned texts and course topics, and it offers a thoughtful response to the questions with which the class was engaged throughout the semester. It demonstrates reliable and relevant research; however, there might be some minor errors or deficiency in one or more of the following: organization; textual information; visual quality/appeal.
C (70% = 175 points)	The project is completed but would benefit from more work, development, and refinement. The project may have been too hastily undertaken too close to the deadline. The project is clearly related to the assigned texts and course topics, but its response to the questions with which the class was engaged throughout the semester is incomplete or inconsistent. The project demonstrates some research, but this research may not be as reliable and relevant as that demonstrated by B projects.
D (60% = 150 points)	The project appears incomplete, sloppy, and/or not much thought was given to providing a cohesive design. The project would clearly benefit from more work, development, and refinement and/or the project's relationship to the course topic and assigned texts is unclear or haphazard, suggesting lack of engagement or comprehension of the work assigned in the class. The project would also benefit from more research and/or does not include any research.
F (50% = 100 points)	Incomplete projects, projects that fall far short of professional standards, projects that lack any research, visual or written components and/or academic integrity.