

Exploring mythology - themes

To help you choose which tales to present to your pupils, the table below organises the myths from the Tales of Change website into (roughly) thematic groups.

How things came to be	Morality (reward and punishment, challenging the gods)	Identity (surviving adolescence)	Heroic feats	Love
The Creation myth Prometheus Pandora Demeter and Persephone	Midas Lycaon Deucalion (the flood) Baucis and Philemon Arachne Erysichthon* Adonis and Aphrodite*	Actaeon Phaethon Echo and Narcissus* Daedalus and Icarus Arachne Adonis and Aphrodite	Labyrinth (Theseus and the Minotaur) Calydonian Boar Hunt Cygnus	(wholesome) Orpheus and Eurydice Baucis and Philemon (not wholesome) Echo and Narcissus Adonis and Aphrodite
Modern (teenage?) concerns Bad parent – Erysichthon Echo and Narcissus – unrequited love, ghosting? Obsessive relationship – Adonis and Aphrodite Arachne – talents and overconfidence?				

Exploring mythology – recommended videos



It can be difficult to find reliable videos about Greek mythology on YouTube. Here are some videos we recommend. They may feature some slight differences from the stories as presented in the audio files, but don't worry – mythology is rife with 'alternative versions'!

[The myth of Arachne -
Iseult Gillespie](#)

[The tragic myth of Orpheus and
Eurydice - Brendan Pelsue](#)

[The myth of Prometheus -
Iseult Gillespie](#)

[The myth of Narcissus
and Echo - Iseult Gillespie](#)

[The myth of Icarus and
Daedalus - Amy Adkins](#)

[The myth of Pandora's box
- Iseult Gillespie](#)

[The myth of King Midas
and his golden touch -
Iseult Gillespie](#)

[The myth of Zeus' test - Iseult
Gillespie](#)
(Baucis and Philemon)

[The tragic myth of the Sun
God's son - Iseult Gillespie](#)
(Phaethon)

[The Greek myth of Demeter's
revenge - Iseult Gillespie](#)
(Erysichthon)

[The scientific origins of the Minotaur -
Matt Kaplan - YouTube](#)

This video rationalises rather than tells the myth; but does help to explain how fantastical stories like these originate.