Mythological Creatures
Gorgons

- The Gorgons were three powerful, winged demons named Stheno (the mighty), Euryale (the far-springer), and Medusa (the queen).

- Of the three sisters only Medusa was mortal.

- Their name is derived from the Greek word gorgós, which means "dreadful."

- They were daughters of the sea-god Phorcys and of Keto.

- While descriptions of Gorgons vary across Greek literature, the term commonly refers to any of three sisters who had hair of living, venomous snakes, and a horrifying gaze that turned those who beheld it to stone.
Medusa, originally a beautiful young woman whose crowning glory was her magnificent long hair, was desired and courted by many suitors. Yet before she could be betrothed to a husband, Poseidon (Neptune) found her worshipping in the temple of Athena (Minerva) and ravished her.

Athena was outraged at her sacred temple being violated, and punished Medusa by turning her beautiful tresses into snakes and giving her the destructive power to turn anyone who looked directly at her into stone.
When Perseus decapitated Medusa, two creatures sprang forth from the wound - the winged horse Pegasus and the giant Khrysaor.

The story of Medusa’s death: Wanting to marry Perseus’s mother, Danae, King Polydectes sent Perseus on a task to kill Medusa to get Perseus out of the way.

Perseus was given gifts from the Gods to complete this task. Winged sandals, a shield, an invisibility helmet and sickle.

Medusa lived in the mountains far over the sea.

Perseus returned with the head of Medusa to find his mother was being forced to the king the next day. Perseus showed the king Medusa’s head and the king was turned to stone.
The head of Medusa was eventually given to Athena.

She put her on her shield so she turn others to stone in battle.
Create a Venn Diagram to show...the difference between the Greek Myth of Medusa and Medusa in the movie, “Clash of the Titans”? (i.e. What sprang from Medusa’s blood in the movie? In actual Greek Mythology what is said to have come from her blood?)
Cerberus

- Cerberus was a three-headed hound (with a snake for a tail).
- Cerberus was said to be the offspring of two monsters, Typhon (fire breathing serpent) and Echidna.
- Guarded the Gates of the Underworld to prevent the dead from escape and deny entrance to the living.
- Under the command of Hades.
Compare & Contrast

CERBERUS

Create a Venn Diagram to show...

...the difference between the Greek mythical creature, CERBERUS, and the one in the movie, “Clash of the Titans.”

Fill in ways it was different in the movie here

Fill in ways it was the same

Fill in ways it was different in the Greek Myth here
Cracken

- Cracken is the adopted son of Poseidon, and under Posieden’s control.
- A favorite of Zeus
- Patron of hurricanes
- Monster of the sea released by Poseidon to ruin cities and areas
- Whenever Cracken gets angered by other gods, or mortals, he unleashes his power, and casts a hurricane to the area where he wants destruction.
- Cracken can destroy any area with his hurricanes, and the devastating power
Cracken was given the chance to become a god. Just before Zeus made his decision, Hades, who doesn’t like Cracken, showed Zeus the Loch Ness Monster to get her to become a God. In the end Cracken, who was favored by Zeus became the first monster to become a god.

In addition to becoming a god, Zeus turned Cracken into human form, and gave him the power to change appearances, like the other gods.

Cracken is known the best for his destruction of New Orleans when he summoned Hurricane Katrina.

Cracken wanted to have Artemis as his wife, but Hades would not allow this to happen, and the two had a large fight over this. The fight became even larger when Artemis married Hades for a day, and that is when Hurricane Katrina arrived over New Orleans. This terrible issue led to Artemis marrying Cracken in the end, and divorcing Hades, so the hurricane died down and stopped.
Compare & Contrast

THE STORY OF THE CRACKEN

Create a Venn Diagram to show...the difference between the Greek Myth of Cracken and the Cracken in the movie, “Clash of the Titans”? 

Fill in ways it was different in the movie here

Fill in ways it was the same

Fill in ways it was different in the Greek Myth here
Cyclops
THE GRIFFIN
The god, Poseidon, sent King Minos, King of Crete, a perfect white bull. This bull was meant to be a sacrifice to him.

However, King Minos valued the animal too much to use it as a sacrificial victim.

Poseidon punished King Minos by making Queen Paiphae, Minos's wife, fall passionately in love with the bull. She had no choice but submit to her lust for the animal.

The result of this union was the birth of a monster, which was half man and half bull. He was referred to as the Minotaur, or the bull of Minos.
• King Minos then tried to hide this horrible creature in a vast and convoluted maze - the labyrinth.

• Every nine years, seven maidens and seven young men from Athens were offered to appease the appetite of the monster.

• The Greek hero, Theseus volunteered to go to Crete in place of one of the seven youths. Once in Crete, assisted by the beautiful princess, Ariadne, whom he agreed to marry if she helped him, Theseus killed the Minotaur
WHAT ARE SOME MODERN DAY MYTHICAL CREATURES?
Freddy, Chuckie, Jason, Michael
GODZILLA
John Henry & Johnny Appleseed
How does Greek Mythology influence today?

Many of the characters in Greek Myths share the same characteristics of modern day characters. What characters today are based on these mythical creatures?

For example:

- Devil = Hades
- Grim Reaper = Ferryman on the River Styx
- Harry Potter movie = Cerberus,
- Ursula in Little Mermaid = Cracken
- Queen in Sleeping Beauty = Hera
Either a Greek, Roman or Egyptian God turned **YOU** into a mythical creature.

Who did this to you?
Why did they do this?
What did you become?
George was once a handsome teacher but was changed to this hideous monster by the Goddesses of Math Wisdom, Tybry & Harrisea because his students failed the math CRCT.

Now is purpose is the Guardian of the Mega Math Maze. Great treasure of knowledge awaits the brave in the middle of the maze… if you can make it through. To navigate this maze, you must solve his math riddles!
Write the mythical story featuring you. Tell Your own story.

1. Give a brief biography of yourself before the god transformed you into a mythical creature.
2. Which god turned you into a creature? Why?
3. Describe what you look like.
4. Where do you live?
5. What is your purpose? Do you have special powers, needs, or purpose?
6. HW: Make a picture of yourself by either drawing it or putting pictures together to create it.
What mythical creature are you?

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