



9th Grade/AICE English General Paper
"What Stories Teach Us" - Summer Reading Assignment 2025-2026

Objective: Prepare for your 9th grade AICE General Paper or English I course by exploring how myths from around the world reflect the values, fears, and beliefs of different cultures. This assignment will help build your foundation for our Quarter 1 study of global storytelling and literary analysis.

Your Task: Print and read the following four short myths, each from a different cultural tradition:

1. **African Myth:** "[Anansi and the Turtle](#)"
2. **Greek Myth:** "[Phaethon and the Sun Chariot](#)"
3. **Native American Myth:** "[Coyote and the Gift of Fire](#)"
4. **Asian Myth:** "[The Sun Goddess Amaterasu](#)"

For each myth, create a One-Pager that includes the following elements. Use a single side of 8.5x11 copy paper and fill your entire page with **both written content and drawings**. Organize your one-pager using the following structure:

- **Title and Culture of Origin:** Needs to be placed in the center of the page.
- **Characters:** Identify the key characters in the myth and briefly note who they are or what role they play.
- **Setting:** Describe where and when the myth takes place *and* how the setting impacts the events or tone of the story.
- **Plot Summary:** The different parts should frame the border of your page. Include short phrases for the beginning, middle, and end of the myth.
- **Main Conflict and Resolution:** This information should be written clearly somewhere prominent on the page.
- **What the Myth Explains:** Describe the natural, cultural, or human phenomenon the myth was created to explain (e.g., origin of fire, why deserts exist).
- **Theme:** Identify the deeper message or life lesson the myth teaches about human behavior or society (e.g., the consequences of pride, the value of cooperation).
- **A Meaningful Quote:** Select a quote from the myth that reflects the theme or

message.

- **Symbols or Images:** They should be drawn to represent key characters, moments, or ideas. Use color and creativity to bring your myth to life visually.

Important: Your one-pager must be completely handwritten and hand-drawn. You may use a laptop or cellphone to help trace your drawings if needed. Drawings will not be graded on artistic skill, but on how accurately they reflect the myth. Use colored pencils or markers to enhance your visuals. Every element you include should support your understanding of the myth. *A [Teacher Example](#) has been provided as a guide.*

One Pager Templates: Feel free to use any one of these, if you would like. Otherwise, a blank sheet of paper will do.

- [Option 1](#)
- [Option 2](#)
- [Option 3](#)
- [Option 4](#)
- [Option 5](#)

Format Requirements:

- One one-pager per myth (4 total)
- Use one sheet of **white** 8.5x11 copy paper or one of the templates provided above.
- Fill the entire page thoughtfully and neatly

Due Date: Submit your completed one-pagers during the first full week of school (August 11–15, 2025).

First Graded Assignment: This will be your first grade and will launch our first unit on global storytelling.

Feel free to email Mrs. Caro at meredith.caro@palmbeachschools.org if you have any questions.