

Bookfolio for **Lord of the Sky: Zeus**

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Recommended for: [Grades 5-8](#)

Classification: Fiction

Genre: [Mythology](#)

Story Summary: Zeus, as the All-High and the father of all the gods and goddesses, ruled over Olympus, the home of the gods. The myths in this collection center around Zeus. It is Zeus's love for mortal women that caused him to change Io into a heifer to hide her from the jealous Hera. Io encounters Prometheus whom Zeus condemned to the rock. It was Zeus who ordered the flood to destroy mankind, and Zeus who turned Baucis and Philemon into trees so that they could escape death. Other stories include those of Europa and Semele, the Mother of Dionysus. Europa's brother, Cadmus, while searching for her, slays a dragon and sows its teeth at the spot that will become Thebes. The most complex story is that of Theseus, who slew the Minotaur.

Read-aloud Recommendation: "Deucalion's Flood," pages 27-34.

The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:

R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing

Lord of the Sky: Zeus - Independent Activities	Skills
1. How It Came To Be (Writing a myth)	S , W
2. Gods and Mortals (Identifying gods and mortals)	W
3. Clever Daedalus (Writing a monologue)	R , S , W
4. Adopt a Myth (Adapting a myth's events)	S , W
5. The Golden Age of Athens (Researching a topic)	R , W
6. Names and Places (Drawing a map)	D , R
Lord of the Sky: Zeus - Group Activities	Skills
1. From the North (Comparing Greek and Norse myths)	S
2. Many Versions (Comparing versions of the same myth)	R , S
3. In the Oral Tradition (Writing a play version)	S , W
4. Conquest or No Conquest (Writing a myth)	S , W
5. The Adventures of Dionysius (Drawing a mural)	D
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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