

Bookfolio for Demeter and Persephone

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Recommended for: [Grades 3-5](#)

Classification: Fiction

Genre: [Mythology](#)

Story Summary: In this Greek myth, Persephone, daughter of Demeter, the goddess of the earth, is carried off by Hades, god of the underworld, to be his bride. Demeter searches everywhere for her daughter, and her grief causes winter to fall over the earth. Finally Persephone's return to earth brings the springtime, but she must regularly return to the underworld because while she was down there she ate in the land of the dead. Each year when Persephone returns to the underworld, winter spreads over the earth. When she returns to her mother, she brings spring with her.

Read-aloud Recommendation: pages 1-6

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

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

| Demeter and Persephone - Independent Activities | Skills |
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| 1. Extra! Extra! (Writing a news article) | W |
| 2. Cinquaine (Writing a cinquaine) | W |
| 3. Dear Zeus (Writing a letter) | W |
| 4. Can You Imagine? (Drawing a story setting) | D |
| 5. Narcissus (Retelling a myth) | D , R , S , W |
| 6. Winter Turns to Spring (Writing a report) | D , R , S , W |
| Demeter and Persephone - Group Activities | Skills |
| 1. Story Theater (Presenting a Readers Theatre) | R , S |
| 2. Puppet Show (Presenting a puppet show) | D , R , S |
| 3. What Makes A Volcano Erupt (Writing a myth) | D , W |
| 4. Compare and Decide (Comparing two versions of a myth) | L , S , W |
| 5. An Ancient Greek Family (Writing a story) | D , R , S , W |
| 6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story) | L , S |

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