

LESSON NOTE ON LITERATURE-IN-ENGLISH WEEK 2

SUBJECT: Literature-in-English

TOPIC: Myths and Legends

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INTRODUCTION

DEFINITION OF MYTH

A myth is an ancient story that is invented to explain the beliefs, philosophies, sciences as well as natural or historical events.

Myth is a kind of story that may not be true but people believe is true.

TYPES OF MYTHS

There are two types of Myths:

1. African myths: in Nigeria, for instance, each ethnic group or community has its own myth. Examples: Yoruba myth "Origin of the albinos", Fulani myth "Fulani Creation Story", etc.
2. Non-African myths: these are myths told in Non-African countries. Examples: Greek myths; "Hera's annual restoration of her virginity by bathing in the spring of Canathis", "The ages of the world", "The story of Oedipus".

FEATURES OF MYTHS

1. Myths are magical: Myths can be exciting and enjoyable. The characters may have special powers that make them do the impossible.
2. Myths are supernatural: these stories are impossible to explain by natural causes they seem to involve the powers of the gods.
3. Myths are supernatural: some myths are based on superstitions. Superstitious stories are stories that are not based on scientific knowledge or human reasoning.