

## Writing a Myth

A myth is a story that tries to explain a natural or historical event. Your first task is to write a myth about an event from ancient and medieval Europe. Be sure to write your myth the way that people of this time might have written it. Follow the steps below to write your myth.

### PREWRITING

- 1. Choosing Characters** On a separate piece of paper, list the people of ancient Greece you learned about in Section 1. As you read Section 2, add more people to your list.
- 2. Finding a Setting** Review Sections 1 and 2 for examples of possible settings for your myth. List these on a separate piece of paper.
- 3. Selecting a Topic** Review the entire chapter, looking for events that are most interesting to you. List these on a separate piece of paper.
- 4. Finalizing Your Choices** Look over your lists of characters, setting, and topics. Which ones do you want to use for your myth? Write your final choices on the chart below.

<b>My Myth about the Ancient Civilizations of Europe</b>
<b>My character(s):</b> _____
<b>My setting:</b> _____
<b>My topic:</b> _____

### WRITING

- 5. Writing Your Myth** Use the information from your prewriting and the model on the next page to write your myth. (Use a separate piece of paper if you need more room.) Remember, you are trying to explain the event in a way that people of the time might have explained it.
  - Write a title and an introduction for your myth.
  - In your body paragraphs, tell the story that explains the event you chose. Include descriptive details so your myth comes alive.
  - Write a conclusion that sums up the importance of your myth.

<b>Title:</b> _____
<b>Introduction:</b> _____ _____ _____
<b>Body:</b> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<b>Conclusion:</b> _____ _____ _____

**EVALUATING AND PROOFREADING**

**6. Evaluating Your Myth** Does your myth describe an event from ancient Europe? Use the following questions to evaluate and revise your myth.

- Does your myth have an introduction, body, and conclusion?
- Did you use vivid, descriptive details?
- Is your myth written in the style of someone living in that time period?

**7. Proofreading Your Myth** Before you present your myth, check for correct punctuation, grammar, capitalization, and spelling.