

Rex Mythology Assignment 2005

The goal of this mini-project is to create a brochure about Chinese mythology. Each group will have an assigned god or myth featured in a float from the Rex 2005 parade. You will have to do individual research and then meet with your group to create part of the brochure on your assigned topic.

Note: This lesson can be adapted for a classroom with limited technology by using a posterboard rather than the Microsoft Publisher format.

1) What is mythology?

Explain the meaning of mythology IN YOUR OWN WORDS!!!

Do all cultures have mythology? What do myths from around the world have in common? What was the purpose of myths? You will have to do some research in order to answer this question. Summarize your answer in a brief paragraph.

2) Describe your assigned Chinese god in your own words.

For example, what type of god or goddess is it? What does the god look like? In what myth is the god or goddess mentioned? Summarize your answer in a few bullet points.

3) Discuss a myth in which your assigned god or goddess plays a role.

Summarize the myth in your own words. Your summary should be a brief paragraph.

4) Draw a picture of your mythological creature.

You can use your computer to create the picture or draw a picture that can easily be scanned. The picture should be neat and the lines should be dark. Your drawing should be original artwork.

5) Provide bibliography information for sources referenced.

Use proper bibliographic format for citing information referenced in your research.

6) Create a text box of the findings on your topic using Microsoft Publisher.

Your work should be in 12 point font Times New Roman. Work with your group to combine your information and create one text box of information on your topic. Choose one or more of your drawings to be included in the text box.

7) Be prepared to present the findings on your topic to the class.

Questions for Discussion:

- What did you learn about Chinese culture from researching Chinese myths and legends? What themes can you see in the myth you researched?
- Are there gods and myths from other cultures that remind you of Chinese mythology? If so, what other gods or myths do you think are similar to those found in Chinese mythology?