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**Writing Workshop -- Literary Essay on Mythology**

**Introduction – Always state the thesis and include TAG (title, author, genre).** You may paraphrase or copy entirely:

Throughout history, people have told stories to entertain, inform, and persuade their audience. Myths are entertaining stories that teach people lessons about how to behave and treat others. They often involve a character who has a fatal flaw which causes him to make a tragic mistake, which teaches the audience a valuable lesson. Several of the myths retold by Philip Ardagh in the anthology Ancient Greek Myths and Legends show us the values of the ancient Greek people.

**Body 1, 2, and 3 – Begin with a topic sentence and include at least three supporting details with textual evidence.** You may paraphrase or copy the topic and clincher sentences:

The story of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ teaches the reader that it is not good to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

For supporting details tell about the situation facing the character.

Tell about the fatal mistake the character makes.

Tell about the consequences.

This story shows what might happen if people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Conclusion – Summarize what the reader can determine about the teachings and value system of the Ancient Greek people.**

The reader can conclude from studying these three stories that . . .