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MYTHS, LEGENDS, AND FOLKLORE

The library has a number of reference sources that have information about myths, legends, and folklore. Some books look only at stories from particular cultures while others consider stories from all over the world. Some of the other sources look at particular themes or characters from mythology and folklore such as gods and goddesses, heroes, or nature. The books listed below should be helpful for your assignment.

Reference Books

Storytelling : an encyclopedia of mythology and folklore

Reference GR35 .S76 2008

The Oxford companion to world mythology

Reference BL312 .L44 2005

Myth: Myths and Legends of the World Explored

Reference BL303 .M354 1996

Dictionary of Chicano Folklore

Reference GR111.M49 C37 2000

A Dictionary of African Mythology

Reference BL2400 .S24 2000

Medieval Folklore: An Encyclopedia of Myths, Legends, Tales, Beliefs, and Customs

Reference GR35 .M43 2000

A Dictionary of English Folklore

Reference GR141 .S573 2000

Mythology of the British Isles

Reference BL980 .G7 A74 1990

Encyclopedia of Russian and Slavic Myth and Legend

Reference BL930 .D58 1998

Thematic Guide to World Mythology

Reference BL312 .S76 2004

The encyclopedia of Celtic mythology and folklore

REFERENC BL900 .M66 2004

A Dictionary of Folklore

Reference GR35 .P5 1999

South and Meso-American mythology A to Z

REFERENC F2230.1.R3 B56 2004

Folklore: An Encyclopedia of Beliefs, Customs, Tales, Music, and Art

Reference GR35 .F63 1997

Mexican-American Folklore

Reference GR111 .M49 W47 1988

Dictionary of Native American Mythology

Reference E98 .R3 G46 1992

Handbook of Mesoamerican Mythology

Reference F1219.3 .R38 R42 2000

European Myth & Legend

Reference BL689 .D58 1997

A Dictionary of Irish Mythology

Reference BL980 .I7 E45 1989

Legends of Earth, Sea, and Sky

Reference BL435 .A53 1998

Encyclopedia of Legendary Creatures

Reference GR550 .M35

Clowns and Tricksters: An Encyclopedia of Tradition and Culture

Reference GR524 .C48 1998

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Getting More Information on Your Topic

In addition to the reference books listed above, you may find other books or articles about your topic in the various library databases.

Books

Use the [Library Catalog](#) located on the Cerritos College [Library Home Page](#) to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library. Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information.

You can search for books by author, title, subject, or keyword. It is often best to do a Subject or Keyword search to find books on your topic. If you find one book that is useful to your research, click on the Subject links to see others on the same subject.

Selected Subject Headings:

You will find the most folk stories by using the subject heading **Folklore** – you may then break down folklore by a particular country or region. Other useful subject headings are **Mythology** and **Legends** – these may also be broken down geographically. See some examples below:

Folklore - Africa
Folklore - China
Folklore - Haiti

Legends - India
Legends, Jewish
Legends - Mexico

Mythology, Celtic
Mythology, Egyptian
Mythology, Greek

You can also do a **keyword** search to find books on your topic. This may prove especially useful if you are looking for a particular legend or folk tale. If you find one book that is useful to your research, click on the *Subject* links to see others on the same subject.

Magazine and Journal Articles

Journal and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the Library Home Page. Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

[EBSCOHost](#)

[Discovering Collection](#)

[Project Muse: Basic Research Collection](#) (remote access unavailable)

[Daily Life in History Premium](#)

[Literature Resource Center](#)

[Gale Literary Databases](#)

Internet Sites

Folklore and Mythology Electronic Texts

<http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/folktexts.html>

Myths and Legends (links sorted by country and region)

<http://home.comcast.net/~chris.s/myth.html>