



MYTHOLOGY



WHAT ARE MYTHS?

- **STORIES WITH**
 - IMAGINATIVE CHARACTERS
 - VIOLENT PLOTS

- **CONTAIN GODS, GODDESSES, HUMANS (MORTALS) AND OTHER CHARACTERS (MINOTAUR, CENTAUR, GORGON, ETC.)**

PURPOSES OF MYTHS

**1. TO EXPLAIN ELEMENTS OF
THE NATURAL WORLD,
SUCH AS:**

- WHY THERE ARE SEASONS
- HOW OCEANS WERE CREATED

PURPOSES, CONT.

2. TO EXPLAIN ORIGINS OF GOOD AND EVIL, SUCH AS:

- WHY THERE IS SUFFERING IN
THE WORLD

PURPOSES, CONT.

3. TO TEACH MORAL LESSONS ABOUT LIVING, SUCH AS:

- CONTROLLING ANGER
- OVERCOMING GREED
- LISTENING TO YOUR ELDERS

PURPOSES, CONT.

**4. TO EXPLAIN HUMAN
BEHAVIOR AND EMOTIONS,
SUCH AS:**

- UNDERSTANDING ABOUT LOVE,
JEALOUSY, HATRED