

Progym lesson plans week 2

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Demosthenes

go over homework -- do group composition

elements of a narrative -- 5 W's and an H

does our narrative contain all the essential elements?

definition of Narrative -- a type of story (can be mythical, historical or legal)

collect homework (name, title, date)

go over "Marsyas" for homework:

choose 3 words per CLAUSE (the sentences are too long otherwise rewrite it

with no more than 30 words and all the elements

"Icarus" for homework:

condense down to 35 words or fewer

Progymnasmata Homework

due via email

October 1, 2020

Instructions (read carefully): Attach this sheet with your homework, having checked off each point as you are certain you have completed the task described.

_____ 1. Make a key word outline (only three key words for each of the nine sentences) for the “Marsyas” and the “Icarus” passages.

_____ 2. Using your key word outline, rewrite the stories in a condensed form. Use 30 or fewer words for Marsyas and 35 or fewer words for Icarus.

_____ 3. While you do not need to have the same number of sentences, be sure to include the major parts of the story (the 5 W’s and the H). Notice how the words you choose (which need not be the words in the original story) may make your story clearer even while it’s shorter.

_____ 4. Be sure to read your writing aloud to check for style: does it sound grammatical? Do you like the way it sounds?

_____ 5. Remember to have your final copy be very neat, with the title at the top center and your name and the date on the top right.

_____ 6. Be sure to attach your key word outlines and a scanned or photographed copy of this page.

NOTE: Always keep your key word outlines and rough drafts in your notebook. You may need them in future.

Marsyas

Minerva invented the flute, and played upon it to the delight of all the celestial auditors; but the mischievous urchin Cupid having dared to laugh at the queer face which the goddess made while playing, Minerva threw the instrument indignantly away, and it fell down to earth, and was found by Marsyas. He blew upon it, and drew from it such ravishing sounds that he was tempted to challenge Apollo himself to a musical contest. The god of course triumphed, and punished Marsyas by flaying him alive.

The Flight of Icarus

Icarus was the son of Daedalus, the legendary Greek craftsman who designed the labyrinth for Minos, king of Crete. When Daedalus fell out of the king's favor, King Minos imprisoned him and his young son in the labyrinth. Because Minos controlled the land and the sea, there seemed no way to escape. So Daedalus hit on a plan to make wings out of feathers, like the wings of birds. He attached the feathers to one another with wax. Then he tried out the wings and showed his son how to use them. When they were ready to leave, he admonished his son not to fly too near the sun or too close to the sea but to keep a middle course. But Icarus, young, impatient, and impetuous, failed to heed his father's warning and soared higher and higher. The hot sun melted the wax, the feathers came off, and Icarus fell into the sea and drowned.