Vocabulary

Elements of Myth

**myth**: a story of unknown authorship that people told long ago in an attempt to answer serious questions about how important things began and occurred. Myths generally involve nature or the adventure of gods and heroes.

**god (male)/ goddess (female)**: a supernatural being having special powers over nature and people

**phenomenon**: anything that is extremely unusual; an extraordinary occurrence

**conflict**: in a story, conflict is the struggle that grows out of opposing forces between character and events. Conflict helps to create suspense in a story

**plot**: the plan of action of a play, story, or novel

**resolution**: the outcome of a story

**metamorphosis**: to change form, shape, structure, or substance; a complete change of appearance or condition

**research-based**: based on facts

**narrator**: a person who tells a story