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Comment [1]: This was one of the first longer writing pieces that the students created in my class. They were responsible for taking their writing process through the development of a claim based off of a model essay. They were given the model essay, and the rubric, and had to put their own ideas in. Many of the students struggled with this in the past, but with the rubric they were able to have a better understanding of their own writing and were able to strive for accuracy and precision.

ROUGH DRAFT:

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December 2, 2015

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Themes in Kronos

Intro	In the myth of Kronos, a hero decides to overthrow his father to save his family even though he risks losing his family. In both the myth of Kronos and the novel The Lightning Thief, a hero has to go up against a powerful being to fight for what is right. In the myth of Kronos, the hero has is a god called Zeus, and in The Lightning Thief, the hero is a son of Poseidon named Perseus Jackson.
First Paragraph (Theme in Cronus)	In the myth of Kronos, a hero has to go against a powerful being and risk losing his family. Zeus is the hero who goes against Kronos to save his brothers and sisters. "Grown to manhood, Zeus determined to make his father restore his brothers and sisters to the light of day." Even though he knew it would be hard, Zeus knew he needed to overthrow Kronos. Zeus eventually dethroned his father Kronos, who was banished from his kingdom and deprived forever of the supreme power."After Zeus dethroned his father and saved his siblings, it's clear he did the right thing.
Second Paragraph (Theme in PJLT)	The same way, in The Lightning Thief, Percy is a hero who has to fight powerful beings to stop a upcoming war. Percy also goes to the underworld to face Hades. Hades wasn't bulked up like Ares, but he radiated power." Percy also fights Ares to get back Zeus's bolt and Hades helm. " If I lose, turn me into whatever you want. Take the bolt. If I win, the helm and the bolt are mine and you have to go away." Percy will go as far as death itself to restore peace between Poseidon and Zeus.

Conclusion	Myths are very important for two reasons. The first reason is they teach you life lessons. The second is they teach us about ancient people and places. Rick Riordan probably included the myth of Kronos to show us that Percy is like Prometheus fighting for the right or he's trying to stretch out an important theme or life lesson.
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Peer Revision/ Grading:

Person Reviewing This Essay: NAME

Directions: On the rubric below, highlight the score that you would give your classmate for each row of scores. After you have given them their grade, explain below your justification for that grade including glows and grows.

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Rationale for the grade that I gave you:

The reason that I gave you the score of 10/12 is because... You did a great job on controlling the main idea you were on topic. Your essay was like an essay it wasn't like a summary. Your evidence was outstanding I loved how you gave evidence then backed it up with reasoning.

Comment [2]: In this initial process, students peer reviewed their classmates' essays. Though they may not have had a full understanding of what it needed to look like, this helped them to start looking at an essay through the mindset of a grader looking at a rubric.

Glow	Glow	Grow	Grow
Your evidence is clear.	After you give a quote you give reasoning.	You could have gave a theme in the first paragraph at the beggining.	Add a little more to the last paragraph

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FINAL DRAFT:

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December 4, 2015

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Rationale for the grade that I gave myself:

The reason that I gave myself the score of 11/12 is because I feel like my mini essay has a good and clear main idea. Also, my evidence is great and make more than enough sense to understand it. I'm pretty sure my spelling and grammar are all correct. The one thing I won't give myself a 12/12 is I think it could be better, but I don't know how to make it any better yet.

Comment [3]: After creating their final drafts, I had the students self assess. This student was aware enough to point out that he didn't know how to make it any better **yet**. This student later worked with me to better understand how to integrate evidence and elaboration.

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December 3, 2015

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Comment [4]:

The myth of Kronos is a myth about a titan named Kronos who overthrew his father and he ate his kids so they would not overthrow him like he did to his father "Kronos was afraid that his children might one day rise up against his authority". After he ate five of his kids, his sixth child was born and was hidden from him so he would not eat his child. Zeus, who was the child that was hidden, made Kronos vomit out the children that were eaten and that was the start of the gods. A theme that this myth of Kronos shares in common with a novel called Percy Jackson and the Olympians: the Lightning Thief is fate and prophecy always comes true and you can never escape it.

The theme that you can not escape your fate is shown in the myth of Kronos because a piece of evidence had showed a prophecy was made by Uranus, Kronos' dad, that his own children would rise over him and take his power."Kronos was afraid that his children might one day rise up against his authority" This is shown in paragraph 2 sentence 2. Another piece of evidence is that it was fate that Kronos would be worried about the prophecy and since he did fear the prophecy it resulted in him eating his kids "Kronos attempted to escape fate by swallowing each child as soon as it was born". These two pieces of evidence shows how he could not escape fate or the prophecy. The myth of Kronos is connected to the theme of, fate and prophecy always comes true and you can not escape it and these reasons show it.

The theme of fate and prophecy always come true and you can never escape it is shown in The lightning thief because on page 141 the oracle had given a prophecy to Percy stating " You shall go West and face the god that has turned, [etc.]" this was Percy's fate that was being told. Another piece of evidence is that the fate had come true because he did meet the god that had turned on pg. 226 "Ares god of war" so that shows that Percy did what the oracle said he would and he did not escape it instead it came true. These two pieces of evidence show how the novel is connected to the theme of fate and prophecy always come true and you can never escape it.

In conclusion I would like to say that mythology is important today because we get to learn about how the times were in ancient times. It also shapes how different cultures act. You can learn from the myth that you can never escape fate or prophecies. I think Rick Riordan included this myth because it is related on how the gods started and this book is about the gods. In conclusion a theme shown in the myth and in the novel is fate and prophecies always come true and you can't escape it.

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Rationale for the grade that I gave you:

The reason that I gave myself the score of 12/12 is because... I think I did put good evidence like quotes and page numbers. I also thought I explained how my evidence was connected to my theme and I reasoned. I also kept my main idea which was how the theme I chose was shown in the myth and in the novel consistent. I also gave myself a four for evidence because I put in quotes.

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Comment [5]: This is an example of a student who was able to rationalize her grade according to the rubric, because she was consistently checking her rubric. She was often found checking and double checking the rubric to see if what she was writing was effective or just adequate. Because she was able to self analyze throughout the entire process, she started off with an excellent proof of her abilities to support her claims with evidence and reasoning.

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Comments:

A, good job!