

UNIT 5 Pass It On
Folk Literature Connections

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ECHO &

NARCISSUS

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SPEAK YOUR MIND

If you were at a loss for words or unable to get your point across or just plain lost your voice, how might you handle the situation?

Take a minute to react and explain your response in the notebook.

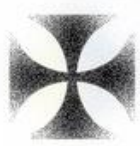


WITH GREAT POWER COMES... BEING A JERK



The world of the ancient Greeks and Romans was populated with gods and goddesses. Although these supernatural beings had more authority than people, they were portrayed as experiencing human emotions such as jealousy and passion.

They also had a reputation for being vengeful and very vindictive. It was not a good idea to stand out in a way would call their attention.



In "Echo & Narcissus," gods and other powerful characters play a significant part in the lives of humans and of other gods. As you read, consider how the myths may have helped young people become useful members of their community. In which ways did the ancient religions have a purpose similar to the faiths of today?



LITERARY CONCEPT

Myths

Are a traditional stories, rooted in a particular culture and dealing with gods, goddesses, and other supernatural beings, as well as with human heroes. Many myths are based on religious beliefs and helped the Greeks explain natural events. The story "Echo & Narcissus" explains the origin of two natural occurrences.

LITERARY SKILL

Cause and Effect

To evaluate cause and effect, you look for a logical relationship between causes and effects. Transitional or signal words and phrases indicate cause and effect and include one cause, another effect, as a result, consequently, and therefore. You must determine whether the causes and effects in a text are reasonable. Use a Cause-and-Effect Chart, like the one here, to recognize two more relationships between causes and effects.

Cause	Effect	Summary
Narcissus's beauty	Everyone fell in love with him.	Unwanted attention made him scorn others.



As you read, look for the features that make “Echo & Narcissus” a myth. When you have finished the story, consider the purpose of such tales in a society that had little understanding of science and in which most people could not read or write. Think, too, of why the myths appeal to modern readers.

ASSESSMENT

After reading pgs. 436 -440, in your book, complete these activities:

1. REFER TO TEXT &
2. REASON WITH TEXT
3. & ANALYZE LITERATURE
 - **Myth** - Which elements of “Echo & Narcissus” make it a myth? What does the story indicate about acceptable and unacceptable behavior in ancient Greek culture? In which way might these standards contribute to society as a whole?



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