

## Sources of Classical Mythology:

### Mycenaean Period/Late Bronze Age 1600-1050 BCE

Linear B tablets

### Dark Age 1050-750 BCE

No surviving records

## 1. The Archaic Period 750–479 BCE / 8<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> century BCE

### a. Homer (c.750 - 700 BC)

- i. *Iliad*
- ii. *Odyssey*

### b. Hesiod (c. 700):

- i. *Theogony*
- ii. *The Works and Days*

### c. Homeric Hymns

- i. *Homer Hymn to* (fill in the god)

## 2. Classical Period: 479–323 BCE / 5<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> century BCE

### a. Playwrights:

#### i. Aeschylus (525-456 BCE)

##### 1. The Oresteia:

- a. *Agamemnon*
- b. *The Libation Bearers*
- c. *The Eumenides*

##### 2. *Prometheus Bound*

#### ii. Sophocles (c. 496-406 BCE)

##### 1. Theban Plays:

- a. *Oedipus the King*
- b. *Oedipus at Colonnus*
- c. *Antigone*

iii. Euripides (c. 484-406 BCE)

1. *Heracles Insane*
2. *Medea*
3. *The Bacchae*

b. Philosopher:

i. Plato (428-348 BCE)

1. *The Republic*
2. *The Symposium*

3. Hellenistic Period 323BCE – 30 CE / 4<sup>th</sup> BCE – 1<sup>st</sup> CE

Hellenistic Mythography

You must be able to identify these texts as Hellenistic

a. (Pseudo)-Apollodorus (2<sup>nd</sup> century CE ?)

- i. *Library*—a retelling of just the guts of myths

b. Lucian (2<sup>nd</sup> century CE)

- i. *Dialogues*

Actually Hellenistic:

c. Apollonius of Rhodes (3rd BCE)

- i. *Argonautica*

4. Roman Period 31 BCE – 400 CE All the texts are 1<sup>st</sup> century BCE – 1<sup>st</sup> century CE; “Year 0”

a. Vergil (70-19 BCE):

- i. *Aeneid*
- ii. *Georgics*

b. Ovid (43 BC – 17 CE):

- i. *Metamorphoses*

c. Statius (c. 45– 96 CE):

- i. *Achilleid*