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## **Mythical cartoons or Presence of the Classical Antiquity in Soviet Animation for Children**

### **Мифические мультики или Классическая древность в советской анимации для детей**

Soviet animations on classical mythology topics appeared in the early 1970s and were present till the end of the Soviet Union. They became especially popular due to the Olympic games of 1980, and helped to construct an image of the multicultural Soviet Union, acknowledging its common heritage with classical Europe.

The first series was made from 1969 to 1974 by Aleksandra Snezhko-Blotskaya and was called “Legends and Myths of Ancient Greece”. Having been introduced so late, it had to base on tradition of fairy-tale animation, as well as to correspond to long-established mythological literature.

In the research I would like to analyze ways of introducing classical mythology into Soviet animation, and the influence it had on Soviet popular culture. Presence of this topic in various republics of the USSR is of special interest for my investigation.



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