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Doris Vazquez is part of a group of seventy-nine teachers from New Haven, who organised seminars on topics related to curriculum developments between March and August 1983, including one on The seminar entitled "Greek and Roman Mythology", led by William G. Thalmann, Associate Professor of Classics from USC.

Additional information

Contents & Purpose This unit is designed as a handbook for teachers on incorporating myths into ESL (English as Second Language) classes. The stories are aimed to develop reading skill, writing skills, artistic skills, listening skills.

The suggested myths are:

The creation of the world and humankind, Pandora, name of the months, exploits of various Olympian gods, (the Roman names are used in this unit): Jupiter, Neptune, Pluto, Venus, Minerva, Diana, Apollo, Mars, Vulcan, Hebe, Mercury, Maia and also the Roman god Janus.

The units provides 3 sample lesson plans and teacher bibliography

Further comments The creator states that the myths are filled with mystery and adventure and hence can provide limitless opportunities for learning and activities in ESL classes. Furthermore, through the learning of myth, the creator hopes the students develop sensitivities to the past beliefs and values of the ancient society.

The unit explores the Roman names of the months and the Roman calendar associated with each month. Hence there is a mixture of Greek and Roman lore in the activities
