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Myth and Movement: The Panoply Vase Animation Project

The Panoply Vase Animation Project (www.panoply.org.uk) creates short, lively animations from the scenes which decorate real ancient Greek vases, bringing to life aspects of myth and history. The addition of movement and music to the ancient images helps to draw young people into the ancient world and to explore the realm of myth. The animations strengthen skills in reading and understanding ancient artefacts, while supporting materials encourage children to develop creative responses to myth, history, and material culture. The animations are available online and serve as a useful resource within teaching and community work. This paper will introduce the myth-themed vase animations being created as part of an international, European Research Council-funded project: Our Mythical Childhood... The Reception of Classical Antiquity in Children's and Young Adults' Culture in Response to Regional and Global Challenges. It will outline how the vase animations present myths for young audiences and will suggest ways in which the animations can be incorporated into activities for young people.



