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Overview of the Series

The *Retold Myths* series includes the following components.

- Anthologies of cultural myths
- Teacher Resource book with reproducible activity sheets for each anthology
- Classroom posters for each anthology

Reading Levels

The Anthologies

The *Retold Myths* are designed for use with students in grades 6-12 who are reading at or above the sixth-grade reading level. Illustrations, footnotes, highlighted vocabulary words, and cultural information aid students' understanding and enjoyment.

The Resource Books

The resource books which accompany the anthologies supply many reproducible activity sheets. The reproducible format allows teachers the freedom to use entire sets of activities or to select individual exercises.

The activities are designed for students reading at or above the sixth-grade level. Lessons build on students' background and experience, providing links between the reader and the text.

Adapting the Classics:

A Rationale

The *Retold Myths* are based on the premise that all students deserve access to classic literature and that all students are capable of thinking at higher levels if their activities are managed properly.

The *Retold Myths* introduce students who are reading below grade level to literature that is often the exclusive domain of the advanced and college bound. Through these adapted editions, students can become familiar with elements of great literature.

Students who read the *Retold Myths* and complete the accompanying activities share in the body of knowledge which defines the culturally literate. They are given the opportunity to understand allusions to the rich heritage of literature. They experience diverse oral and written traditions. Most important, they will be guided to examine the best in themes and ideals recorded by human beings through the ages.