

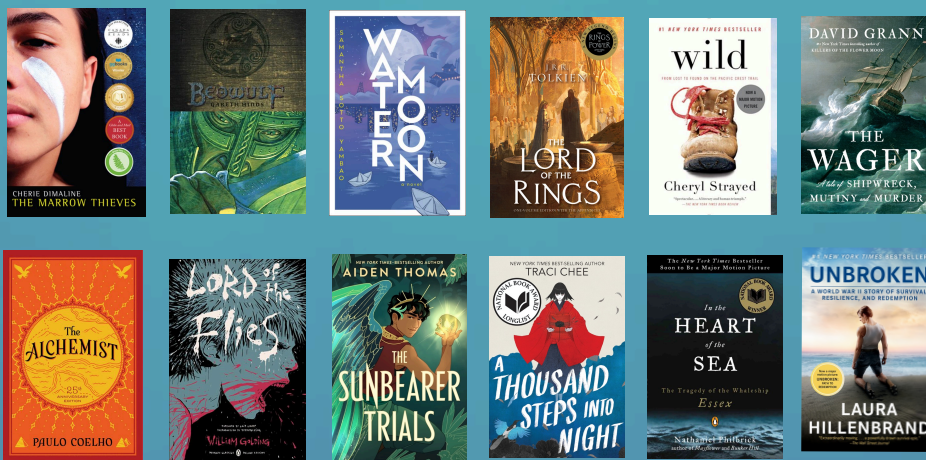
Odyssey Echoes

A Summer Reading Voyage

At the beginning of Grade 9, you'll dive into *The Odyssey*—an epic poem about a hero named Odysseus trying to get home after the Trojan War. Along the way, he battles monsters, faces the gods, and has to rely on his courage and clever thinking.

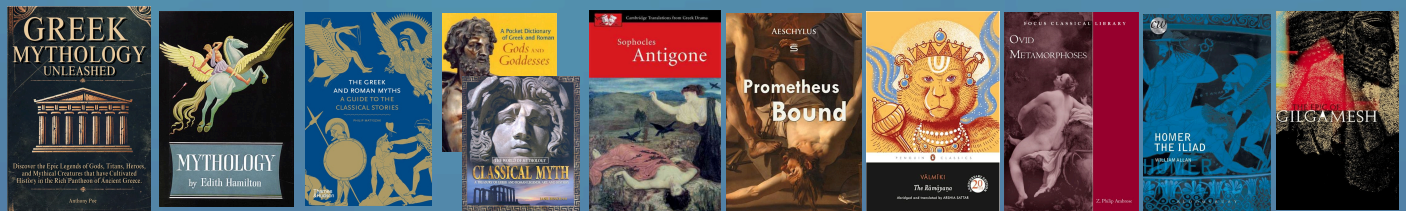
Read a book that connects to this story, either to build background knowledge about the gods and goddesses, or to explore the big ideas like adventure, identity, or overcoming challenges.

Thematic Connections



The books on this list are suggestions. Your assignment is to find and read a book that connects to the central themes (The Hero's Journey) or the content of *The Odyssey*. In class, you will write or speak about your selected book and explain how it relates to the epic's big ideas.

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