

Mythological Couples: Discussion Questions

Name _____

Pyramus and Thisbe:

1. What are the main conflicts in the story of Pyramus and Thisbe?
2. How does the story explain the origin of the red color of mulberries?
3. Can you think of any modern stories that have a similar plot?

Orpheus and Eurydice:

1. How did Orpheus use his musical talent to help him?
2. Do you think Pluto's offer to Orpheus was fair? Why or why not?
3. Why did Orpheus look back? If you were Orpheus, do you think you would have been more successful than he was? Why or why not?

Baucis and Philemon:

1. List all of the changes or transformations that take place in this story.
2. Why do you think the gods transformed Baucis and Philemon into trees at the time of their death?
3. Suggest a possible moral for this story. What do you think an ancient audience might have thought after reading it?