

## Instructions for Writing Greek Mythology-Inspired Flash Fiction

1. **Hero's Journey Elements:** Incorporate key elements of the hero's journey into your story. Given the brevity of flash fiction, it's acceptable to skip some stages, but ensure that your story reflects the essence of a hero's journey.
2. **Greek Mythology Inspiration:** Your story must include elements from Greek mythology. This can involve characters, settings, themes, creatures, gods, or any mythological aspect. Be creative in how you blend these elements into your story.
3. **Word Limit:** Your flash fiction should be no more than 1,000 words. It's important to tell a complete, engaging story within this constraint.
4. **Character Development:** Even though the story is short, strive for meaningful character development. Your protagonist should undergo some form of change or realization, typical of a hero's journey.
5. **Conflict and Resolution:** Ensure that your story has a clear conflict and a resolution. This conflict can be external (against monsters, gods, etc.) or internal (personal struggles, moral dilemmas).
6. **Originality and Creativity:** While using familiar elements from Greek mythology, aim for originality in your narrative. Think about unique combinations or new twists on classic myths.
7. **Editing and Refinement:** After writing your draft, spend time editing and refining your story. Focus on clarity, pacing, and maintaining the essence of both the hero's journey and the mythological elements.

## Assessment

### Adherence to the Flash Fiction Format (5 points)

- **Word Count Compliance:** Does the story comply with the specified word limit? (Maximum 1000)
- **Brevity and Efficiency:** Are the ideas and narrative conveyed effectively within this limit?
- **Incorporation of Greek Mythology:** How effectively does the story incorporate elements of Greek mythology?
- **Relevance:** Are the mythological elements relevant and meaningful to the story?

### Characterization (5 points)

- **Development:** Are the characters, possibly inspired by mythological figures, well-developed within the word limit?
- Do they have depth and complexity?
- **Authenticity:** Do the characters behave and interact in a way that is believable, and consistent?

### Plot and Conflict Using Plot Diagram (5 points)

- **Clarity and Structure:** Is there a clear, engaging plot following the structure outlined in the plot diagram?
- Does the story adhere to the classic narrative arc (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution)?
- **Conflict:**
- Is there an evident, engaging conflict or challenge inspired by or related to Greek mythology?
- Is this conflict resolved or addressed in a way that is satisfying and aligns with the plot diagram?

### Setting and Atmosphere (5 points)

- **Immersiveness:** Does the story create a vivid and engaging setting, possibly drawing from mythological elements?
- Does the atmosphere contribute to the overall mood and theme?
- **Relevance:** Is the setting integral to the story, enhancing the narrative?

### Language, Style, and Mythological Elements (5 points)

- **Creativity and Integration:** Does the language show creativity and careful choice of words, particularly in integrating mythological themes?
- **Flow and Clarity:** Is the writing clear, coherent, and easy to follow, maintaining a balance between storytelling and mythological references?