

# Lesson Plan



Date:

Grade:  
Middle School

Subject:  
English / Language Arts

Lesson Topic: Comparing Myths - Athena's Wisdom & Modern Leaders

Learning Objective/s:

Students will analyze the myth of Athena gaining wisdom and connect it to modern figures who embody intelligence and leadership.



Materials Needed:

- *Queer Mythology: Epic Legends from Around the World* by Guido A. Sanchez (2024) excerpt on Athena.
- Chart paper.
- Biographies of modern leaders.



Hook/intro:

- Discuss Athena as the goddess of wisdom. What do students know of her?
- Ask students: What makes someone wise?

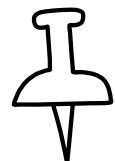


Lesson structure:

- Reading & Analysis (15 min):
  - Read the myth of Athena aloud.
  - Identify key moments where Athena demonstrates wisdom.
  - Discuss how wisdom, emotions, and strength affect one another.
- Connecting to Today (20 min):
  - Assign students a modern leader (e.g., Malala Yousafzai, Greta Thunberg, Bayard Rustin).
  - Compare how their actions reflect Athena's wisdom.
  - Discuss how these leaders use emotions to enhance their wisdom?
- Group Presentations (15 min):
  - Groups create a poster connecting Athena's story to their assigned leader.
  - Presentations to the class.

Closure:

- How do wisdom and leadership shape history and culture? Do you think wisdom comes from knowledge alone, or does it also require experience, emotions, and the ability to challenge what is accepted?



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