

Lesson Plan

Date:

Grade:

Middle or High School

Subject:

History

Lesson Topic: Queer Myths in World Cultures

Learning Objective/s:

Students will explore the presence of queer figures in mythology from different cultures, discussing historical perspectives on gender and sexuality.



Materials Needed:

- *Queer Mythology: Epic Legends from Around the World* by Guido A. Sanchez (2024).
- World map.
- Research materials.



Hook/intro:

- Ask: How do myths reflect a culture's values?
- Introduce myths featuring LGBTQ+ figures from different cultures.



Lesson structure:

- Research Activity (20 min):
 - Assign groups a mythological figure (e.g., Loki, Lan Caihe, Lakapati).
 - Research how their identity and role were viewed historically.
- Mapping the Myths (15 min):
 - Each group places their figure on a world map.
 - Share findings with the class.
- Discussion & Reflection (15 min):
 - How have perspectives on gender and identity changed?
 - Why is it important to study these histories?

Closure:

- What do these myths tell us about how different cultures have understood gender and identity throughout history? How can studying these stories help us challenge assumptions about what is 'traditional' or 'natural' in today's world?



Visit [Mythology.gay](https://www.mythology.gay) for more information about *Queer Mythology* & its author