



Mythology: A Parody

Many of you will be familiar with song parodies. Wierd Al Yankovic has made a career out of them. They can be very clever and are certainly entertaining. To demonstrate what you have learned about Mythology, you will write and record a song parody and create a video.

To get started

1. A parody is an imitation of the style of a particular writer, artist or genre with a deliberate exaggeration for comic effect. There are parodies of works of literature, the Jane Austen "Zombie" novels are very popular at the moment, art, how many versions of the *Mona Lisa* have you seen, and of course music.
2. The first step is to write down the ideas you want to portray in your parody. Maybe you want to retell a particular myth, maybe you want to make some general statements about epic myths, maybe you want to do a character study of a particular mythic hero? You decide and make some notes about what you are going to say. Remember parodies are generally satirical.
3. Choose your song and find a karaoke version that you can import to iMovie. Don't pick something you dislike as you will be hearing it over and over through the course of the project.
4. Compose the lyrics. One easy way to do this is to print the lyrics of your chosen song, then match line by line with your new version. Try singing it and see if it works. Make adjustments until you are happy with your parody and are ready to record.
5. While listening to your Karaoke track, record a second track on iMovie with you, and maybe a group of your friends, singing the new version. If you really don't want to sing, have the lyrics scroll.
6. Now you are ready to make the video. Collect images, or record your own, again using iMovie. Put it all together and you have produced a song parody!

Criteria

1. Your parody must convey information about mythology
2. Along with your video, please hand in your notes and your new lyrics.
3. Attached is a grading rubric
4. Have fun and be creative!

	Fabulous	Pretty Good	Needs Some Work
Content	-information is comprehensive and very well expressed -outstanding effort	-information is fairly comprehensive and well expressed -very good effort	-information is not comprehensive or well expressed -needs more effort
Lyrics	-outstanding song choice and new lyrics -outstanding work in writing the message	-very good song choice and new lyrics -very good work in writing the message	-fair song choice and new lyrics -fair work in writing the message
Creativity	-extremely creative and innovative work -images are very effective in getting the message across -video is unique and effective	-very creative and innovative work -images are effective in getting the message across -video is somewhat unique and effective	-minimally creative and innovative work -images are not effective in getting the message across -video is not unique and effective
Audience Appeal	-audience is completely engaged and enjoys your efforts	-audience is fairly engaged and enjoys your efforts	-audience is not engaged

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