

Lesson Plan: Create Your Own God

OBJECTIVE: Students will learn about the purpose of gods in ancient Greek society, and create their own new god.

TIME: 45 minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- *The Lightning Thief*
- “The Gods Among Us” from *Demigods and Monsters*

INTRODUCTION: They had a *lot* of gods in ancient Greece. Why did they need so many? What was their purpose—and is there any reason it would be useful to have gods today?

ACTIVITY:

Read “The Gods Among Us” together in class.

Discuss . . .

- The relationship gods had with human beings in ancient Greece
- The idea of gods as “scapegoats”

Brainstorm gods it would be useful to have in today’s world. God of skyscrapers?
Goddess of text-messaging-during-class?

Have students create their own new god or goddess, in groups or on their own, and describe what they would be like.

Optional Homework: Write a myth featuring your newly created god.