

**GREEK
MASKS
AND
MYTHS**

Introduction

We are learning about Greek masks and myths at school.

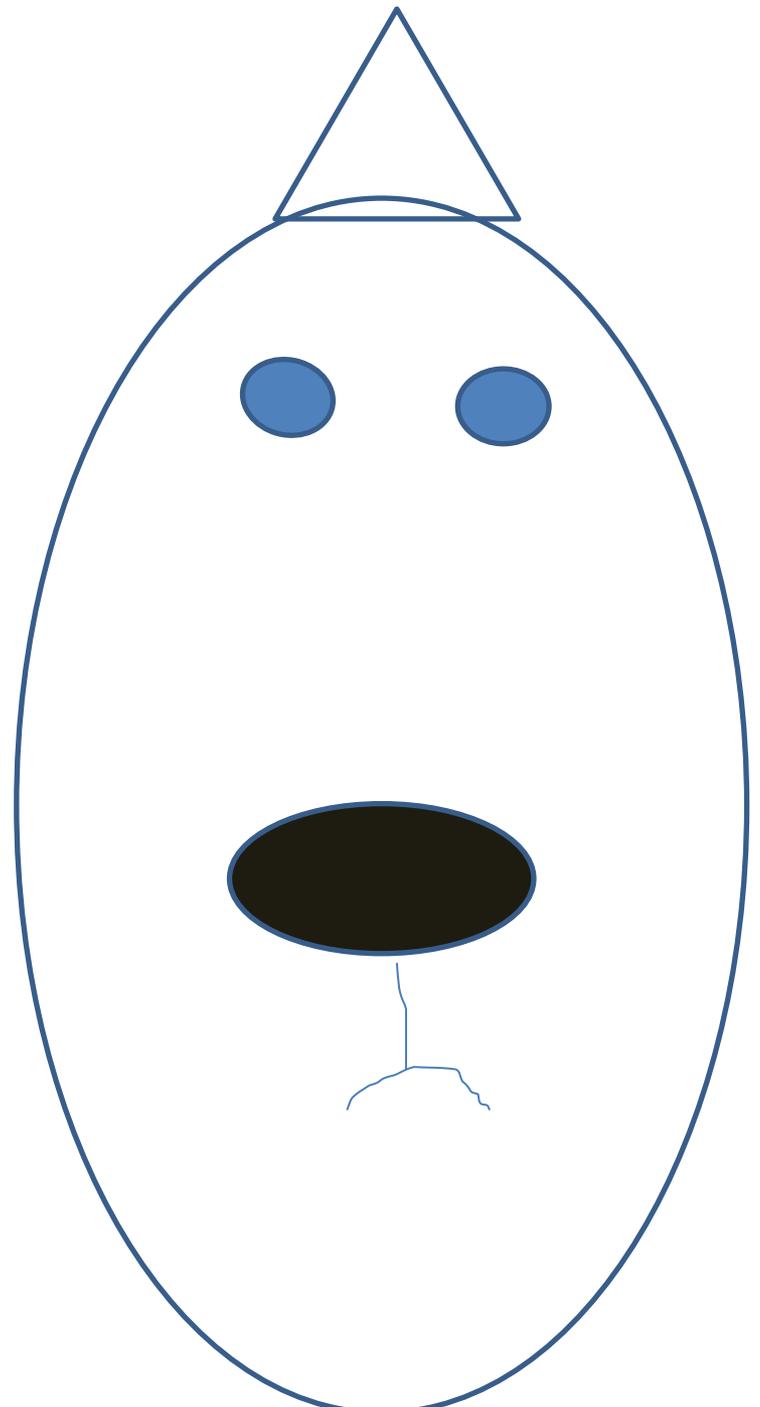
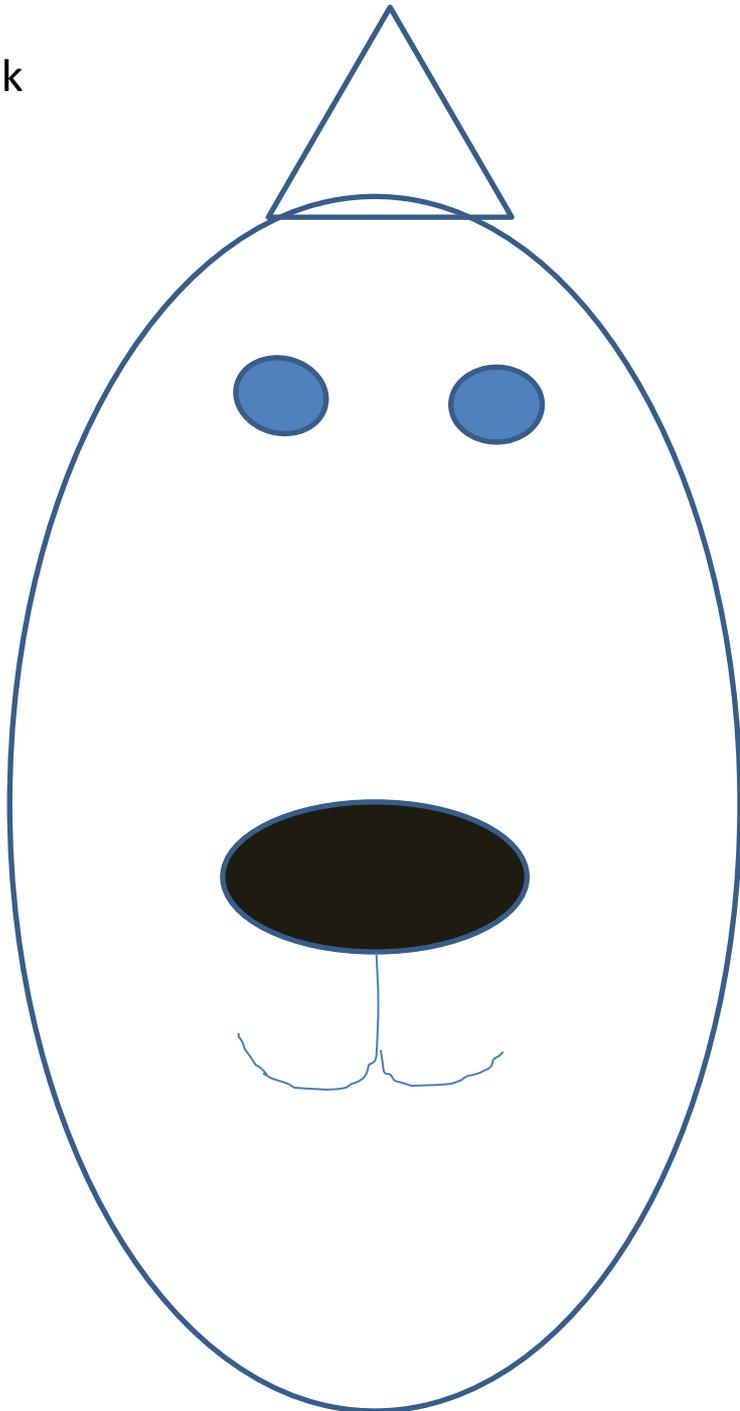
I have found some examples of Greek masks on the internet and will tell you about what i have found.....i will also tell you the story of Perseus and the gorgons head

All these masks have faces but why?



They are used by actors in plays to show an emotion. If the actor wants to be sad he puts the sad mask on. If he wants to show happiness he puts on the happy mask. This is done so that the people at the back can see.

My mask



The story of Perseus

A long long time ago before the greeks lived a mean king went to see the Oracle. The King was called King Ageus. One day the Oracle said "Your daughter Danae is going to have a baby" this made King Ageus happy, until it said "But be careful this baby will kill you"

King Ageus was scared. A bright idea flung into his head. "I shall lock her up in the tallest tower of then all" he said.

Danae got used to her home, then when she was about to shut her eyes to go to sleep the roof tops opened and the room was full of bright shimmering sun.

Zeus the God of lightning came down with a baby boy sleeping tightly in his hands. "This is Perseus, take good care of him" Danae was shocked. Months has passed by and Perseus had grown into a big boy. Everyday Danae would read him a story and make him laugh.

One day King Ageus walked along the corridor, he heard them laughing. King Ageus did not have a clue was Going on so he bashed the door open. Danae tried to hide Perseus but that didn't turn out well! King Ageus found a chest, he decided to lock both of them up in it and throw them off a cliff.

SPLASH!! The chest had been thrown off the cliff.

Four years later the chest finally reached an island and an ugly fisherman called Dickerdeese opened the chest. He was a nice man so he decided to help them until this very day.

Then an evil King that ruled the island fell in love with Danae and forced her to marry him. She refused for 17 years and Perseus got bored of it. He said to the King "I shall go and fight the gorgon and get her head"

The Gods sent Perseus gifts to help him on his journey. He received a bag, a sword and a shield. He also received an invisibility cap. He travelled up and down mountains, across rivers and finally came across an odd shaped cave. Inside there were 3 ugly grey sisters. They all shared one eye and one tooth. He snatched the eye and forced them to tell him where Madussa was perched. They told him and then he threw the eye into the water. He now has to travel 40 hundred miles you would think you could do that easy but Perseus has to climb up loads of mountains, which will take a considerable length of time!

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He finale bumped into MEDUSA'S CAVE

The first thing that he noticed was all the frozen statues that Medusa had killed. Perseus then got scared but he did it. He new that one look at her and boom he would be frozen so he decided to look at the reflection of his shiny shield. He took four steps and.....chop MEDUSA'S head had been sliced of, he grabbed his bag and with out looking dropped it into the bag. He headed of proudly and when he finally reached home he grabbed the head and held it up in the air .

He froze all of the people into stone!

He went home and told his King Ageus that he had chopped Medusa's head off and said he was good not bad .King Ageus believed him then the Gods asked Perseus if he wanted to play discs. When Perseus threw the disc the gods sent a storm which twirled the disc round and round, hitting King Ageus in the head and killing him!

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