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Why do we read Greek Mythology in 2018? Greek Mythology is thousands of years old but some stories that happened then do reflect in society now. There are twins named Otus and Ephialtes. They do not know who their mother is, but their father is the sea god, Poseidon. The twins cause trouble for the gods and alot of mischief; they kidnapped other gods, and made a lot of threats. They were said to be one of the tallest, most handsome, and nourished giants, but they did not care about anybody else’s feelings but each others. When they were young, Otus and Ephialtes made a lot of rules and demanded what they wanted. They made bad threats to make it happen, but because they are giants, they were feared. They were also good for hurting people. Therefore, Otus and Ephialtes were not heroes because they kidnapped gods, threatened to kill, stack two mountains to the heavens and that would kill greek society,and kill a innocent person .

The two protagonist in this myth is Otus and Ephialtes they are not heroes.They are not heroes because they decided to kidnap Ares the god of war and tie him with chains of bras and to make him be quiet. They kidnapped him for no reason. They saw the fun in kidnapping they liked to battle. In  *Mythology* author Edith Hamilton said, “ They imprisoned Ares, bound him with chains of brass and shut him up.”(185)Once they kidnapped him The Olympians did not want to go against the horrendous twins so they were reluctant to get him. This shows that the twins were very feared and known for hurting a lot of people. This also proves my point that they are not heroes because if the twins were heroes then they wouldn’t be hurting people and people would not fear they would admire.

Otus and Ephialtes are not heroes because they threatened to stack two mountains on top of each other and injure the whole greek society. They wanted to stack these two mountains together to scale the height of the heavens to cause danger to all since they could not get what they wanted and what they wanted was to be the superior of gods. This is causing all the gods trouble with all of these threats then the gods were ready to kill. In the *Mythology* book Hamilton states”This past the endurance of the immortals,and Zeus got ready his thunderbolt to strike them”(185). This also proves my point because if they were heroes then they would not be wanted to kill by the gods. They did not save or risk their lives they put people's life on the line and almost killed a lot of people.

A big reason that Otus and Ephialtes are not heroes is because they don't really care for anybody but themselves real heroes are very warm hearted and care for anyone. Ephialtes thought that he was in love with Artemis the god of women safety, but he wanted her not for her heart but to control and posses her. They wanted her for nothing but to use her. Otus and Ephialtes watched her everywhere she went they watched and watched hey wanted to kidnap her and take her so she can become their own toy but being that Artemis was the god of women safety she knew what they were up to and she knew what they wanted. Artemis was big on virginity and they wanted to take a beautiful thing from her. In the book it states “She knew their evil purpose and she knew too how she would punish them.”(185) This shows that they are not heroes because heroes would not be known for evil purposes and they would be known for their kindness and their strength.Instead they know that they weren’t. They were known for being no good.  
 Otus and Ephialtes are not heroes because they are very feared, they caused mischief and they threatened. This story is important because this shows that people are cruel and only care about themselves and their pleasures. In *Mythology* the twins are cruel and want to be one of the superior gods and they are willing to do anything and kill anyone to be on top. This shows how people treat other people to get what they want in society people do whatever they feel so they can do what’s right to them to get what they want.

Dear [Student],

Wow! I am so proud of the hard work you put into this essay, and you should be too. You did an amazing job clearly stating your claims and providing great evidence. Next time, dive deeper with your evidence analysis by pulling out specific parts of your quote and explaining how they demonstrate your point. For example, you could pull from your third body paragraph quote “she knew their evil purpose” and write: Artemis, a respected god, called the twins “evil”, which suggests that they perhaps villains instead of heroes. Paired with the fact that they are trying to harm Artemis, someone who is a protector and a hero herself, it is clear that the two are in no way heroes.

Imagine someone who is not very well-informed constantly asking you to prove your point. Respond to that!

Keep pushing!

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