

Greek Literature and Mythology Note Guide *

- Early Greek writers created some of the world's most famous stories and poems
- Homer (a blind poet) wrote *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*
 - Iliad discusses Achilles and his role in the Trojan War
 - The Odyssey talks about Odysseus and his adventurous journey home
- Homer's works are considered some of the greatest literary works ever
- Another famous poet was Sappho
- Fable - short stories that teach the reader lessons about life
- Aesop is the most famous fable writer from Ancient Greece
- Gods were at the center of Greek life
- Mythology - A collection of stories about gods and heroes that try to explain how the world works
- Today, we use Scientific explanations for things
 - Not the case with the Greeks, who used the myths to explain everything