

KEY TERMS :: THESEUS & THE MYTHS OF ATHENS

autochthonous & autochthony
 Arrephoroi (“Festival of the Dew Carrier”)
synoikistes (‘unifier’)
 Amazonomachy (a = without, mazon = breast)

Test-and-Quest
xenia
 recognition scene
 downgrading

Bacchylides (c. 507–after 452 BCE)
Ovid (3/20/63 BCE–17 CE)

Creusa + Xuthus (Apollo) ⇨ Ion (Ionia)
 Orithyia + Boreas ⇨ Zetes & Calais

Theseus (Θησεύς)

Cecrops II + Metiadusa ⇨ Pandion II

Major Myths

1. Cecrops’ Golden Age
2. Athena, Erichthonius, and Cecrops’ Daughters
3. Cephalus & Procris
4. Tereus, Procne, & Philomela
5. Erechtheus Sacrifice’s Daughters
6. Apollo, Creusa & Ion
7. Aegeus’ infertility & Pitheus
8. Birth, Childhood, & Return of Theseus
 1. Labors of Theseus

Pandion II + Pylia ⇨ Aegeus (≠ Augeus), Nisus,
 Pallas, Lycus.

Aegeus + Meta
 + Chalciope
 (Poseidon) + Aethra ⇨ Theseus and
 Clymene
 + Medea ⇨ Medus

Foes of Theseus

Periphetes (Corynetes) **Labor**
 Sinis the Pinebender (Pityocamptes) **L**
 Crommyonian sow **L**
 Sciron **L**
 Procrustes {procrustean} **L**
 Cercyon the Wrestler **L**
 Cretan/Marathon Bull
 50 Sons of Pallas
 Minos
 Minotaur

Theseus Iconography

Club (like Heracles), Sandals

Origins of Athenians

1. Ancestor is Cecrops
2. Autochthonous
3. Descended from Athena

Kings of Athens

Cecrops + Aglauros ⇨ Erysichthon, Pandrossus, Hersē,
Aglauros II

Hersē + Hermes ⇨ Cephalus + Procris (Laelaps,
 javelin), Teumessian vixen.

Amphictyon + Craunus of Athens

Hephaestus + Athena/Gaea ⇨ Erichthonius (‘the man of
 wool and earth’)

Erichthonius + Praxithea ⇨ Pandion I

Pandion I + Zeuxippe ⇨ Erechtheus, Procne, Philomela
Tereus + Procne ⇨ Itys

Erechtheus + Praxithea II ⇨ Cecrops II, 3 daughters
 (sacrificed), Creusa, Orithyia

Wives & Consorts of Theseus

Ariadne ⇨ Oenopion & Staphylus (?)
Helen ⇨ Iphigenia (?)
 Antiope or Hippolyta ⇨ Hippolytus
 Perigune ⇨ Melanippus
Phaedra ⇨ Demophoon & Acamas
 Periboea
 Phereboea

Pirithous (Persephone)
 Baucis & Philemon

Important Places

Athens
 Eleusis
 Troezen
 Delphi
 Megara
 Marathon

KEY: ||, equivalent name in Greek & Roman myth; ⇨, “parent of”; underlined parents or offspring are significant; *italicized*, indicates historical figures; *bold italicized* indicates authors read for this assignment.