

Complete each gap with one word.

Ancient Greek mythology is a huge and exciting collection of legends (1) _____ gods and goddesses, heroes and monsters, warriors and common people, (2) _____ were a significant part of everyday life in the ancient world. Greek myths explained everything (3) _____ religious ceremonies to the weather, and gave meaning to the world that people saw around them. (4) _____ many of these myths are figments of the imagination, (5) _____ as the legends of greedy King Midas or heroic Hercules, other tales like the Trojan War epic have a basis (6) _____ historical fact. There is no single original text, (7) _____ the Christian Bible or the Hindu Vedas, that introduces all Greek myths' characters and stories. (8) _____, the earliest Greek myths were part of an oral tradition that began in the Bronze Age, and their plots and themes unfolded gradually in the written literature of the archaic and classical periods of the ancient Mediterranean world.

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