

Myth Analysis

Chapter/Myth	Purpose/ Recurring Topic	Explanation	Topic/Theme
Cronus (Chap. 3)	fate	Cronus tried to change his fate by resisting the prophecy that his children would overthrow him. He swallowed his children, giving them a reason to seek vengeance, so he eventually made the prophecy come true by trying to prevent it.	ambition, fear Ambition and fear can lead people to commit horrible crimes.

Purposes/ Recurring topics: political/geographical origins, early science, hospitality, burial of the dead, wickedness of killing family, duty to avenge family, wickedness of human sacrifice, fate, hubris, heroic ability, assistance from the gods, gods in disguise (testing mortals), peril of the gods' "love," gods' jealousy/vengeance, warnings from the gods