

## **THEME Official Tournament Rules 2017 - 2018**

[AGLOA THEME playing forms are available on the [agloa.org](http://agloa.org) website.]

- TH1** All AGLOA competitors are expected to preserve the integrity of the competition by conducting themselves in a fair and ethical manner. In cases of unfair play, unsportsmanlike conduct, or clear violations of tournament rules, the Penalties Policy in the AGLOA National Tournament Administration Manual should be consulted.
- TH2** Questions are taken from reference books, i.e., historical reference texts on the chosen topic, *reliable* Internet-based sources, and other basic text references.
- TH3** Reference books are NOT permitted at the table.
- TH4** Three- or four-person games are played.
- TH5** A total of 30 questions are played as follows:  
Round 1 — THEME Lightning Round #1, 18 questions  
Round 2 — THEME Wager Round #2, 12 questions  
Questions are multiple-choice with four alternatives marked A, B, C, and D. At least one of the four alternatives is correct as determined by reliable resources. Participants must use a non-erasable blue or black ink pen in recording *all* answers.
- TH6** During the THEME Lightning Round #1, students will be asked questions with assigned values of 2, 4, or 6 points.
- TH7** The THEME Wager Round #2 will be a wagering round. The wagering topics are blue and in large, bold print in the THEME outline (see **TH14**). A central reader announces a category. Each player begins the round with 0 points. Before each question is read aloud, each player writes a wager of 2, 4, or 6 on his/her wager/answer sheet based on the topic the central reader announces. All wagers at a table are revealed simultaneously, then recorded on a common scoresheet before the question is read.
- TH8** For both rounds of THEME, the central reader reads aloud the question and the four alternative answers. The reader may read the question and alternatives twice and only twice. At the end of the second reading, the question and choices are projected to the players via a central screen.
- TH9** From the end of the second reading, each player has 30 seconds to circle her/his answer on the wager/answer sheet.
- TH10** A player may abstain from answering during the THEME Wager Round #2, but each player may abstain no more than twice per round. If a player abstains more times than allowed, the player loses his/her wager for that question and receives the highest negative score (-3).
- TH11** Scoring for the THEME Lightning Round #1:  
Wagering is not permitted and there are NO abstentions during this round. The value of each question (2, 4, or 6 points) is announced by the central reader prior to the reading. If the player's choice is correct, the assigned point value is awarded; if the player's choice is incorrect, then no points are awarded. Players cannot lose points for incorrect answers in the Lightning Round.
- TH12** Scoring for the THEME Wager Round #2:

- a) If a player's answer agrees with the reader's, that player wins his wager (6, 4, or 2 points).
- b) If a player's answer disagrees with the reader's, the player loses HALF his wager (-3, -2, or -1 points).
- c) If a player abstains, the player neither gains nor loses points, provided he has not exceeded the abstention limit of two (see **TH10**).
- d) If a player is not at the table to answer a question, the player scores -4 for that question.

**TH13** Play proceeds until all questions have been read and answered in a round. The ultimate winner in a division is determined by the total number of points in both THEME rounds.

**TH14** Theme Questions for **2017-18** refer to the following:

### **IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME**

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#### *I. 15 Major Greek Gods and Goddesses of Mount Olympus*

Parentage/origination stories, powers/expertise/symbol, Roman names, relationships with other gods, children

<b>GREEK GOD OR GODDESS</b>	<b>ROMAN NAME</b>
Zeus	Jupiter/Jove
Poseidon	Neptune
Hades	Pluto
Aphrodite	Venus
Apollo	Apollo
Ares	Mars
Artemis	Diana
Athena	Minerva
Demeter	Ceres
Dionysus	Bacchus
Hera	Juno
Hermes	Mercury
Hephaestus	Vulcan
Hestia	Vesta
Persephone	Proserpina

## II. 12 Greek Heroes

Parentage/origination stories, powers/expertise/symbol, relationships with other gods, children

<b>GREEK HERO</b>	<b>MYTHOLOGICAL CREATURE OR EVENT</b>
Achilles	Trojan War
Atalanta	Calydonian Boar
Bellerophon	Pegasus
Cadmus	Dragon
Daedalus	Labyrinth, Flight of Icarus
Heracles	12 Labors
Jason	Golden Fleece
Odysseus	Odyssey
Orpheus	Lyre
Paris	Trojan War
Perseus	Medusa
Theseus	Minotaur

## III. Categories of the Game

Questions will come from the parentage/origination stories and other events identified above concerning these 15 Gods/Goddesses and 12 Heroes. Categories for questions in both the lightning and wagering rounds will be as follows:

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Immortality Suits Me</b>	Questions will seek the identity of a god or goddess
<b>I Can Be Your Hero</b>	Questions will seek the identity of a hero
<b>You A-Muse Me</b>	Questions will ask who was inspired, encouraged or guided by whom
<b>Creatures, Monsters &amp; Beasts</b>	Questions will seek the identity of a creature, monster or beast
<b>It's Just a Myth</b>	Questions will concern the lives & adventures of gods, goddesses & heroes
<b>Where in the World Am I?</b>	Questions will concern famous places in Greek mythology or modern-day locations named for characters or places in Greek mythology