

Virtual Adult Storytime

Theme: Tales & Travel Greece

The purpose of the Virtual Adult Storytime is to provide older adults in the Wadsworth Community with content to facilitate sharing and reminiscing during a time we cannot meet in person.

Story/ Book/ Folktale (People of all ages benefit from hearing stories read aloud. For older adults it can be a chance to stir memories and use their imagination)

GREECE FACTS:

- Greece is located in southern Europe.
- Greece is located in the Mediterranean Sea. The Greek coastline borders the Ionian Sea and the Aegean Sea as well as the Libyan and Crete Seas in the south.
- The country consists of the mainland with two peninsulas Peloponnese (in the southwest) and Chalkidiki (in the northeast).
- Greece also includes an archipelago of about 6,000 islands with Crete being the largest island.
- Greece is slightly smaller in size than the state of Alabama.
- The capital of Greece is Athens. Athens is known as the oldest capital city in Europe. Athens is named after Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom.
- Greece does still have a royal family. However, King Constantine II does not have any power in governing the country as the monarchy was abolished in Greece in 1974. The royal family includes King Constantine II, born in 1940, Queen Anne-Marie, their five children and nine grandchildren. Constantine II is also the younger brother of Queen Sofia of Spain.
- The Greek Flag has nine horizontal stripes, four white and five blue. The stripes represent the nine syllables in the greek words for "freedom or death". In the upper left corner is a white cross on a blue background which represents the Orthodox Church.

Video link to book read about GREECE:

<https://youtu.be/7eo5AVhcejQ>

Pandora by Robert Burleigh

Travel Guides:

<https://www.ricksteves.com/europe/greece>

<https://www.ricksteves.com/watch-read-listen/video/tv-show/greek-islands>

“Tell Me a Story” Pictures (A picture can truly say a thousand words; the pictures included here can spur older adults to remember and even be creative in describing a story from the image. After prompting them, let them become the storytellers.)

Use leading statements and questions such as:

“What is happening in this photo?”

“Who has seen this before?”

“Tell me if you had one of these?”

“This one is funny.”

Etc.

Pictures attached below

Video Links (These are provided for supplementing the theme. Music, dance, etc. enrich auditory, visual, and memory in older adults. Entertainment and engagement are enhanced with these tools)

National Anthem: "Ethnikos Hymnos" ("National Anthem"). Hymn To Liberty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5psd0qpjls>

Traditional Music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zf87GGVtiIM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxqJpl1PTbl>

Traditional Dance:

Sirtaki

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2jiPc8SsrY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f16cwfdSuOQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iR2bO9vEUc>

Theme-related Activities (Continued enrichment of the theme provided)

Read aloud a Greek Folktale together:

LAZARUS AND THE DRAGONS

<http://talesandtravelmemories.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Greece.pdf>

Learn More about Greek Mythology:

<https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-history/greek-mythology>

Make a Scratch Art Greek Vase:

<https://digventures.com/2016/05/how-to-make-a-scratch-art-greek-vase/>

Library Resources (If anyone is interested in this topic, here are some resources that can be provided to you. Please contact the outreach team at outreach@wadsworthlibrary.com and the items can be placed on hold or delivered to you.)

- My Big Fat Greek Wedding (DVD)
- Creators, conquerors, and citizens : a history of ancient Greece by Robin Waterfield
- The ultimate healthy Greek cookbook : authentic recipes for a Mediterranean diet by Yiota Giannakopoulou
- The rise and fall of classical Greece by Josiah Ober

- Visions of Greece [DVD]

Greek Alphabet

- **A - ALPHA**
- **B - BETA**
- **Γ - GAMMA**
- **Δ - DELTA**
- **E - EPSILON**
- **Z - ZETA**
- **H - ETA**
- **Θ - THETA**
- **I - IOTA**
- **K - KAPPA**
- **Λ - LAMBDA**
- **M - MU**
- **N - NU**
- **Ξ - XI**
- **O - OMICRON**
- **Π - PI**
- **P - RHO**
- **Σ - SIGMA**
- **T - TAU**
- **Υ - UPSILON**
- **Φ - PHI**
- **X - CHI**
- **Ψ - PSI**
- **Ω - OMEGA**











Parthenon



Delphi



Greece

Meteora



Theatre of Epidaurus





Oia town on the Greek island of Santorini



