

Words from the Myths Videos

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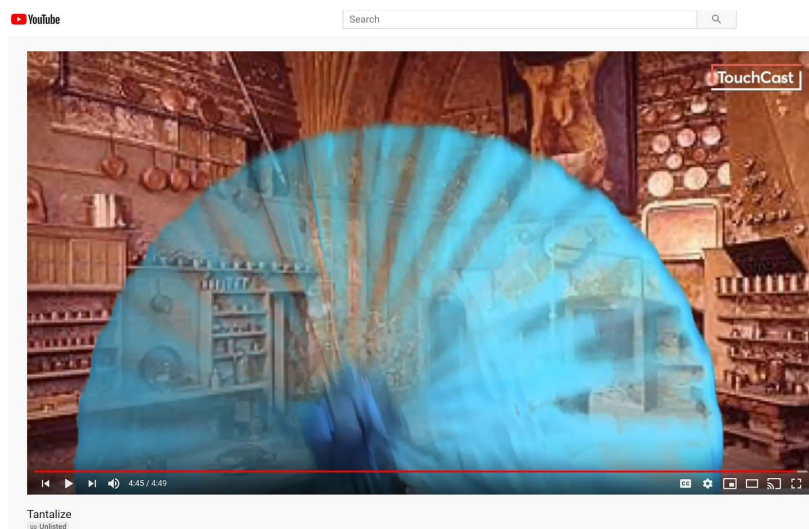
Specialized tools/technology used:	Experience level required:
iPads with TouchCast Studio installed or another suitable camera/video-editing setup	beginner

Grade Level (of this example): 7

Topic/Content Standards (for this example): Ancient History/Humanities/ELA - Ancient Greece, mythology, etymology, idioms

Summary of Project:

Students worked in groups of 4 or 5 to research a common modern-day word or expression which has roots in an ancient Greek myth - Achilles's heel, Pandora's Box, Hypnosis, etc. Groups then storyboarded and wrote a script for a short 2-part video on their word. One section of the video would show how the word is used in modern language, and the other section would depict the mythical origins of the word. Videos were created using TouchCast Studio on an iPad. Students used costumes and props, green-screen backgrounds, filters, and on-screen images to set their scenes. Videos were uploaded to YouTube (unlisted) and shared at a "gallery walk" using posters with QR codes that linked to each video. Students watched on their phones or school-provided iPads and left feedback via post-it notes on each poster. The project took about 3-4 weeks of classes, from research through writing, editing and sharing their videos.





Suggested Extensions

While this project was created around this particular curriculum on Ancient Greece, other topics could be explored using the same or similar format. The green-screen and effects help get students excited about the project, and being able to drop in images, websites, maps and other media help make the videos more content-rich.



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