Purposes of Greek Mythology

Apollo
The Three Purposes of Mythology

- To entertain
- To explain things in nature
- To emphasize values or beliefs of the Greeks

Athena
Beliefs/Values of Greek Mythology

#1: Respect for the gods

Respect the gods, adhering to rituals of reverence.

Aphrodite
Beliefs/Values of Greek Mythology

#2: The power of the gods

- Do not challenge a god in any way.

Hermes
Beliefs/Values of Greek Mythology

#3: Pride

Overbearing pride (hubris) will lead to one’s downfall (stubborn foolishness).

Hestia
Beliefs/Values of Greek Mythology

#4: Prophecy

A prophecy is inevitable and unavoidable.

Poseidon
Beliefs/Values of Greek Mythology

#5: Family

Family loyalty is very highly valued.

Artemis
Beliefs/Values of Greek Mythology

#6: Hospitality

Always exhibit the highest level of hospitality to guests, including strangers and beggars.
#7: Burial

Everyone must have a proper burial, even an enemy.

Hades
Beliefs/Values of Greek Mythology

#8: Revenge

Revenge is an acceptable act of retribution, often seen as necessary for maintaining one’s honor and dignity.

Hera
Beliefs/Values of Greek Mythology

#9: Promises/Oaths

A promise or an oath is a sacred bond that should not be broken.

Zeus
Beliefs/Values of Greek Mythology

#10: Loyalty

Loyalty is highly rewarded virtue, while betrayal is a harshly punished vice.