

# Story Cubes

All good stories have some essential bits of information. Characters, places, and objects make up the core of almost every story. In this activity, create your own stories using the story cubes for inspiration.

- Download and print one copy each of the People, Places, and Objects story cubes. We recommend using cardstock if you have it.
- Follow the instructions for folding and securing the cubes.
- Roll each of the story cubes once.
- Create a story that takes place in the location on the Places cube, with the main character on the People cube, and includes the object on the Objects cube.
- Roll again and again for more story combinations!



## Anubis

A jackal-headed Egyptian god who helped Isis search for the scattered pieces of her slain brother/husband Osiris and bring him back to life. Anubis is known as the god of mummification as well as the guide for the dead through their journey through the underworld into the afterlife.



## Athena

Greek goddess of wisdom, battle strategy, and arts and crafts, Athena was the patron goddess of Athens. The daughter of Zeus, she kept company with many great heroes like Herakles and Perseus. She was ruthless in her protection of these heroes and showed great compassion to those who worshipped her. Her symbols were the owl and the olive tree.



## Dionysus

Greek god of wine, theater, and madness. Dionysus was best known for teaching mankind how to make wine, and for causing those who were disrespectful to him to go mad! You didn't want to disrespect Dionysus — you might end up jumping off a ship in the middle of the sea, or cooking your children and feeding them to your dinner guests!



## Herakles

Herakles (known as Hercules to the Romans) was the greatest of all Greek heroes. The son of Zeus and the mortal woman Alcmene, Herakles was best known for his completion of the Twelve Labors. These included killing the Nemean Lion; slaying the Lernean Hydra; cleaning the Augean Stables, obtaining the Girdle of Hippolyte, Queen of the Amazons; and capturing Kerberos, the three-headed dog that guards the entrance to the underworld.



## Isis

Egyptian goddess of motherhood, fertility, and magic, among other things, Isis played a big role in saving her brother/husband Osiris after he had been killed and torn to pieces by his brother Set. Isis collected the scattered pieces and wrapped them in linen, making Osiris the first mummy. With the help of other gods, Isis used magic to bring Osiris back to life. Isis acted as a mother to humans who had died, restoring their souls to wholeness and providing protection and nourishment.



## Nut

Egyptian goddess of the sky. Nut was imagined to be the actual sky, and is depicted arching her body above the world, her skin and dress covered in stars. It was believed that each night she swallowed the sun, digested it, and gave birth to it each morning. She and her husband Geb produced four children: Osiris, Isis, Set, and Nephthys.





