

MythForge — Concept Poster

Print this and pin it up — an at-a-glance map of the MythForge cast and the ideas each one carries. Come back to it whenever you want to remember who teaches what.

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Meet the cast — and what each one teaches

Character	What they carry
Trickster	The boundary-crosser who teaches through inversion. Recurs across nearly all traditions (Anansi, Coyote, Loki, Hermes, Maui, Ijapa).
Hero-King	The reluctant ruler called to a journey (Campbell's central figure: Gilgamesh, Odysseus, Arjuna, Beowulf, Cuchulain).
Devouring-Mother	The dark-creator / death-and-renewal force (post-Jungian; surfaces as Kali-aspect / Hel / Coatlicue / Hecate). High trauma load.
Wise-Elder	The mentor-figure who knows the path but cannot walk it for the hero (Athena, Odin-as-wanderer, Krishna-as-advisor).
Threshold-Guardian	The figure that tests whether the hero is ready to cross (Sphinx, Cerberus, the dragon at the gate, the riddling stranger).

Shadow	The repressed-self / dark-mirror (Jungian core archetype; surfaces as the hero's nemesis-who-is-also-them: Loki/Baldr, Set/Osiris, Cain/Abel framings).
Anima/Animus (paired)	The complementary-other-self (Jungian); represented as a pair-character that always appears together, embodying the inner-other-gendered-self pattern that surfaces across many t...
Wanderer	The journeyer-without-fixed-home who carries stories between cultures (Odysseus-after-Ithaca, the wandering Jew, the diaspora-keeper figure).
Child-Divinity	The newborn-with-power archetype (infant Krishna, baby Hermes, child Horus, divine-child motif).
Sacrificial-Lamb	The figure whose loss enables renewal (cross-traditional: dying-and-rising deities, scapegoat figures, voluntary-sacrifice motif).
Warrior	The conflict-pattern-bearer (Ares, Tyr, Sekhmet-aspect, the warrior-figure across many traditions).
Lover	The relational-bond-bearer (Aphrodite-aspect, the romantic-mythic pair, the bond-that-shapes-the-world archetype).
Sovereign	The cosmic-order-keeper archetype (Zeus-aspect, Odin-as-ruler, Ra-as-cosmic-king, Quetzalcoatl-aspect).
Magician	The transformation-bearer (Hermes-Trismegistus, Tezcatlipoca-aspect, Merlin, the alchemist-figure, the shape-shifter pattern).

Key ideas at a glance

The big concepts this cast helps you master:

- What Are Myths & Legends?

- Creation Stories
 - Hero's Journey
 - Trickster Tales
 - Greek & Roman Mythology
 - Norse & Celtic Mythology
 - Egyptian and Mesopotamian Mythology
 - World Mythology Connections & Comparisons
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