Mythology Study guide – Chapter 1: What is Myth?

Define the following and be able to discern the difference.

Note: Not all the definitions will be found in the textbook; you have to do some research.

Myth
Folk Tale
Fairy Tale
Fable
Legend
Urban Legend
Tall Tale
Oral Tradition

Know how myths may reveal the following insights:

Historical
Anthropological
Metaphysical
Cosmological
Aetiological
Sociological
Psychological

Briefly identify the following mythological characters and their significance with regard to this chapter.

Aphrodite
Heracles
Homer
Odysseus
Paris and Helen
Poseidon
Telemachus