

Mythical and Semi-mythical Folks in the Works of Ancient Authors

Features of Research

The object of study:
works of ancient authors: Homer's "Iliad" and "Odyssey", Herodotus' "Histories" and others

The subject of study:
the mentions made by ancient authors about mythical and semi-mythical folks

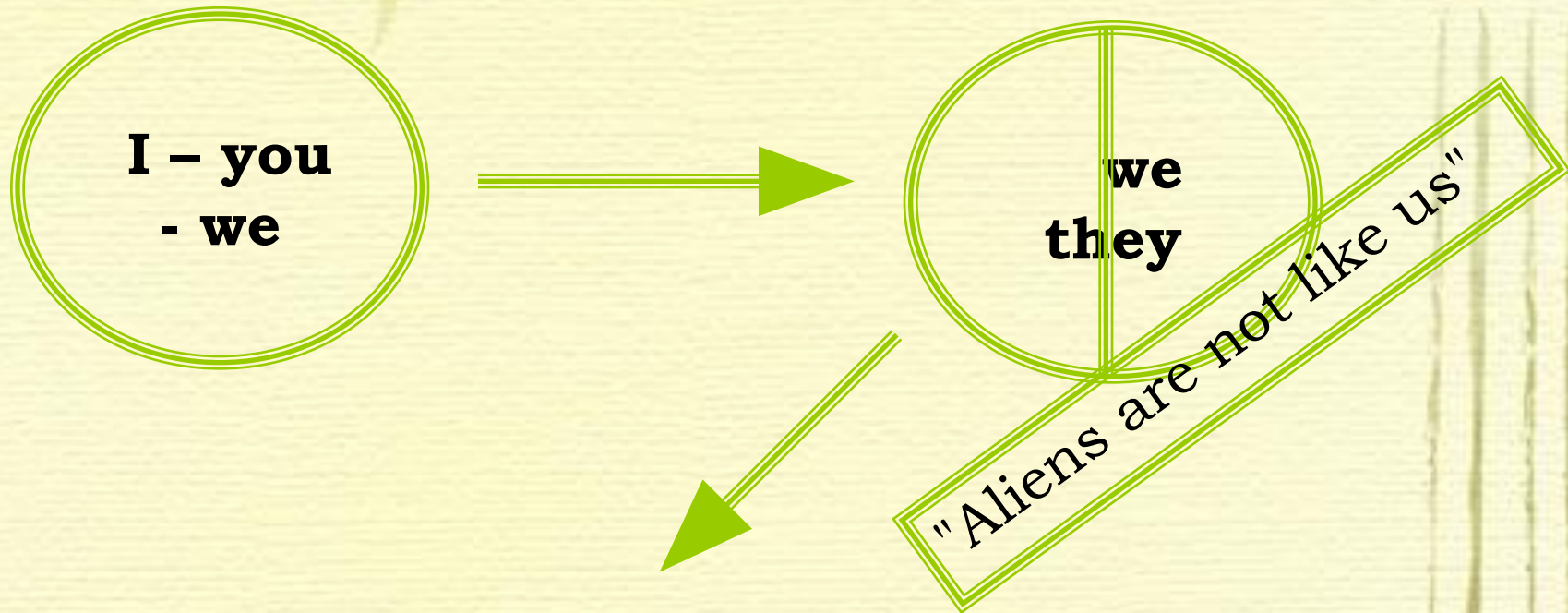
The purpose of the study:

- to explore the information about mythical and semi-mythical folks
- to identify, which folks can be considered as a mythical and which – as a semi-mythical

The Structure

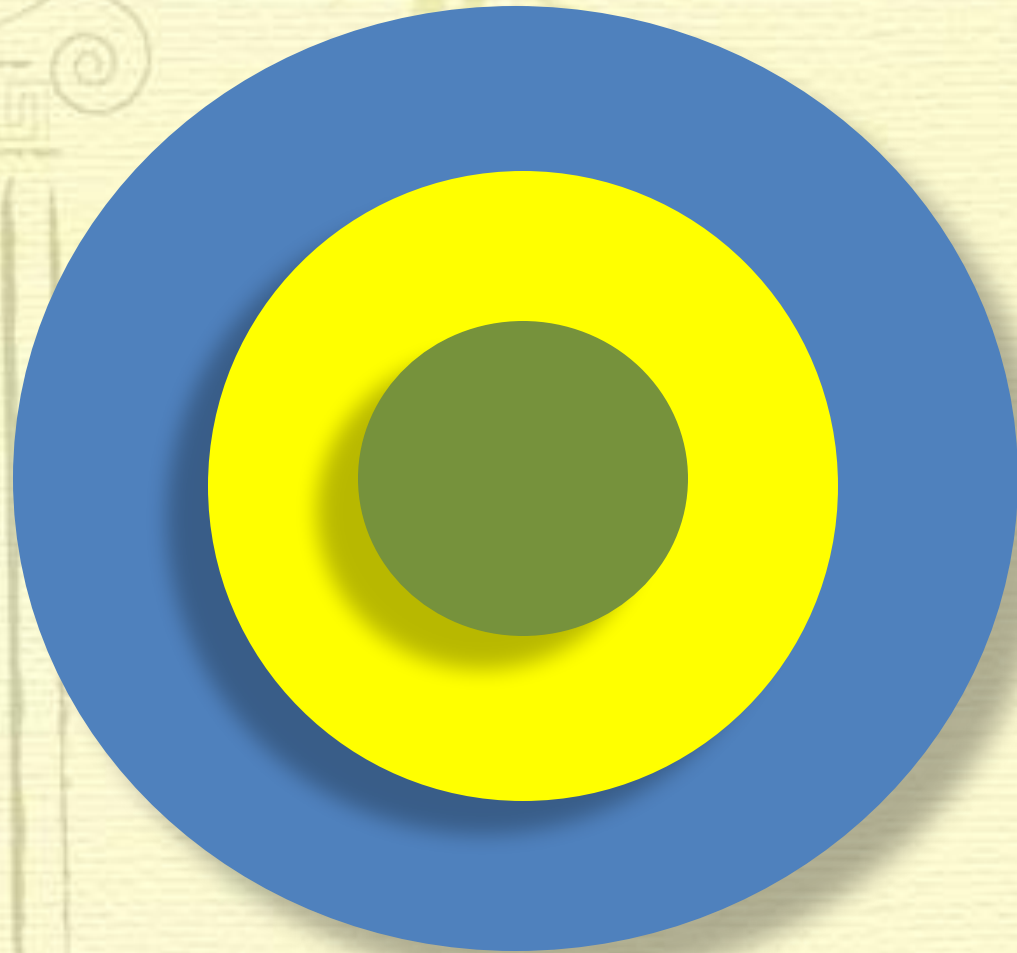
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1. Peculiarities of Mythological Consciousness




Appearance of semi-mythical people

1. Peculiarities of Mythological Consciousness



 **Ecumene**

 **Semi-mythical folks**

 **Mythical folks**

Researching Folks

✓ Amazons

✓ Laestrygonians

✓ Arimaspi

✓ Myrmidons

✓ Hyperborea

✓ Pygmies

The Amazons

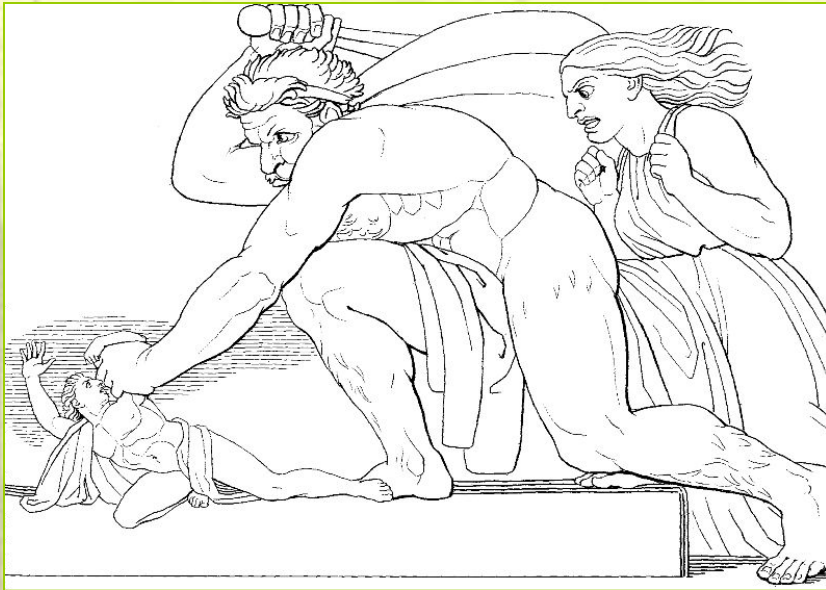


“...those who fight like men...”
Homer “Iliad”

“No girl shall wed till she has
killed a man in battle”
Herodotus “Histories”

Semi-mythical folk

The Laestrygonians



widely-distributed in the worldwide mythology motif of giants or huge people



Mythical folk

The Results of Research

Reasons for Division

I peculiarities of mythological consciousness
(remember Part 1)

II coincidence between described inhabitations of
folks, their culture, way of life, appearance and
the same features of the folks really living at this
territory in the same historical period

The Results of Research

Semi-mythical folks	Mythical folks
The Amazons	The Laestrygonians
The Myrmidons	The Arimaspi
The Pygmies	The Hyperborean

**Thanks for your
attention!**