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Intro to Lit

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The Sirens Outline

1. Introduction
   1. Attention grabbing beginning: The sirens are known in Greek mythology for their role in the story of the Odyssey.
   2. Lesser known in Greek mythology, but their story still impacts other Greek characters
   3. Thesis (last sentence of the first paragraph): The sirens, a group of sisters living on small islands, sang beautiful songs to lure sailors to their death and were half-woman, half-bird creatures
2. Body of the Essay
   1. (1st point)The Sirens are known in Greek mythology for being sisters that lived on small islands
      1. (3 examples/stories) Daughters of river god daughters of the river god [Achelous](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Achelous),
      2. Exact location of islands has been varied
      3. Include the names of the sisters
      4. Discuss the three most-known sisters: Parthenope, Ligea, and Leucosia.
   2. (2nd point) Known for singing beautiful songs
      1. (3 examples/stories) Use some of the lyrics (direct quote)
      2. Used their beautiful songs to lure sailors to their death
         1. Story of Jason
         2. Story of Odysseus- he escaped by putting wax in his ears
      3. Explain why they lured sailors to their death- the sailors would be captivated and ship-wreck on the island
   3. (3rd point) Were half-woman, half-bird creatures
      1. (3 examples/stories) Description of their appearance in Greek art; how that differed
      2. Talk about different artists’ portrayals of the Sirens
      3. Beautiful but deadly- used their beauty (both physical beauty and their beautiful voices) to hurt others
3. Conclusion
   1. (Restate thesis)The siren sisters used their beauty to try to lure sailors to their death.
   2. (End with strong conclusion) Often, they were successful; however, some did escape their power (Jason and Odysseus)
   3. In the Fourth century, Christians began to encourage pagans to not believe in other gods and mythological creatures.
   4. At this time, belief in the sirens was discouraged