

The story of Cronus is a classic myth that shows the theme of a mother's love.

All myths contain significant elements of mythology. In the myth of Cronus, the text says, "This filled his wife Rhea with sorrow and anger. When it came to Zeus, her sixth and last child, Rhea was determined to save this one child at least, to love and cherish." **One significant element of mythology is that the characters are often non-human, but they have human emotions and qualities. Rhea is a non-human Titan, but she has human emotions such as sadness and loneliness.** In the Cronus text it also says, "She asked her parents, Uranus and Gaea, for advice and assistance. They told her to wrap a stone in baby-clothes and give it to Cronus. She did, and he swallowed the stone without noticing the deception." **Many myths contain a struggle for power. This struggle can be between members of the same family. This shows a wife tricking her husband in order to save her child. These elements of mythology help define this story as a classic myth.**

An important theme in the myth of Cronus is a mother's love for her children. The text says, "Cronus did overthrow his father, but he did not save his monstrous brothers. Gaea, who loved all of her children, was so angered that Cronus did not help his brothers that she began to plan Cronus' ruin." **Mother Earth's love for her other children is so powerful that it makes her want to destroy her son Cronus.** In the myth, it says, "Anxious to keep the secret of his existence from Cronus, Rhea sent the infant Zeus secretly to Crete, where he was fed, protected, and educated." **Rhea's love for her children is what makes her trick her husband. Both these examples show the power of mother's love for her children.**

This classic myth shows how a mother's struggle to save her children became the origin of the gods and Greek culture.