

The Great Myths and Legends: *Monsters & Mythical creatures*

Getting Started

For the PC Version

I. In order for MYTHS AND LEGENDS to function optimally, you will need the following hardware and software, as indicated on the product packaging:

486DX (Pentium recommended)
8 MB RAM
Graphics card: 32,000 colors or better, 640x480
16 bit soundcard
CD-ROM drive (4x speed recommended)
4 MB free memory on hard disc
Windows3.1 or 3.11 (Windows95 compatible)

II. You will first install the program. To do so:

1. Load Windows as usual.
2. Insert the CD into the CD-ROM drive
3. From the Program Manager, click on File, then select Run from the pull-down menu.
4. Into the Command Line box, type: D:\SETUP.EXE

Click on OK.

(If you are not using drive D as your CD-ROM drive, replace with the appropriate drive letter).

5. Follow the instructions in the Setup program, which fully installs MYTHS AND LEGENDS automatically - including Video for Windows, required for this product - and which creates the program group "Multimedia from EMME" with an icon representing MONSTERS AND MYTHICAL CREATURES in your Program Manager. Note Windows95 users: Video for Windows is already installed, so you will not need to reinstall it here.

III. You should then be sure that you've set your screen to at least 32,000 colors, 640x480. To do so, check with the documentation provided with your computer or, if purchased separately, your graphics card. See also the "Troubleshooting" section at the end of this ReadMe.

V. Make sure you've connected and turned on your speakers.

VI. You're ready to start. Double click on the Monsters and Mythical Creatures icon in the "Multimedia from EMME" group.

Using MYTHS AND LEGENDS

I. Once you've double clicked on the icon, the MYTHS AND LEGENDS will start automatically. Following the EMME logo and the credits sequence, you will see the Valley of Myths and Legends. Move the cursor to the Monsters and Mythical Creatures logo and click once...

II. You will see the Castle of Myths and Legends and then enter into the Main Hall. Here you will meet the Narrator, who will introduce you to this strange world. Once he has finished, go ahead and explore the room. In doing so, you will learn the basics of finding your way around the world of Myths and Legends...

Simply follow you intuition, moving the cursor around the screen with the mouse and **clicking once** on an "active area", indicated by a change in the form of the cursor: **an arrow** to indicate direction, **a hand** to indicate a discovery or **a circle** to indicate an "inactive" area.

If you wish to hear the introduction again, you can call the Narrator again by clicking on his chair on the lower right of the first Main Hall screen.

III. The main hall is your point of departure for your research adventure: one door for Monsters and Mythical Creatures in this disc, and the doors for Mythical Lands and Lost Cities in Volume 2 and Mythical Heroes and Villains in Volume 3 (these discs will be available in 1996 - contact EMME for

more information).

IV. Once you have found your way out to the terrace, you will survey a vast mountain range. By clicking once at the top of the lions staff, you will be transported to the land of myths and legends, where you can move about to find ten different points of light. Each point of light represents the memory of the creature.

V. In each location you will find a wealth of information - spoken commentary, written descriptions, glossary background information, paintings, photographs and drawings. The Narrator is always with you - you just need to call him using the staff... Will you learn enough about each creature to have it come out of its hiding place? The monsters will only show themselves when you have studied all the material. But remember, the animated figures are intended as but one element of a wide range of information offered to you.

VI. When reading, you can return immediately to the virtual world by clicking on the background seen through the cracks in the information pages. To return to the mountain range, click on the bottom of the screen. To return to the castle, click again on the lions head staff. By clicking on the steps of the terrace you will reenter the main hall.

VII. If you wish to quit immediately, you may press Escape to advance directly to the exit.

VIII. From the main hall, there is also a door to a Library. In the Library you may conduct background research for each creature by consulting a bibliography of the source materials used or by studying the glossary.

IX. To exit, head towards the two posts in the back of the Library...

Troubleshooting

1. How do I reset my monitor to 32,000 colors (or more), 480x640 resolution?

First, be sure to read all documentation provided with your computer, graphics card and/or copy of Windows.

In some cases, you will find an icon in the Program Manager which activates a control panel from which you can select the desired configuration for particular graphics card.

If not, you can often change the graphics configuration by entering the Main window, selecting Windows Setup, selecting Options, selecting Change System Settings, clicking on the Display button, and selecting your "driver" for 32,000 colors, 640x480 (or more colors, if you wish). Since you may have several options for the same 32,000/640x480 setting, be sure to opt for the "driver" which starts with the same letters or name as the setting you find when you first enter the System Settings Display list (it's also a good idea to write down that preexisting setting name before changing anything!). Once you've selected the desired setting and clicked OK, you will be asked to restart. In some cases you may be asked to insert one of the Windows Installation diskettes.

Again, for further information, refer to the documentation provided with your computer, your copy of Windows and/or your graphics card.

2. How do I improve the speed of MYTHS AND LEGENDS under Windows 3.1 or 3.11?

There are several steps you can take to improve the performance of Windows 3.1 or 3.11 with products such as MYTHS AND LEGENDS:

- Setting the RAM cache: from the Program Manager, enter the Main window and select Control Panel. Click on the icon "386 Extended", then on the button "Virtual Memory". If the parameters set include the setting "permanent", click on the button "Change", and then select "Temporary" in the box marked "type" in the "parameters" settings. Click ok, making any other changes required (such as disactivation of the 32-bit parameter). Restart your computer and Windows.

- Deactivating the CD-ROM cache for the CD-ROM SCSI Smart Drive: from the Program Manager, enter the Main window and select Sysedit. You will see a window entitled "autoexec.bat", with a series of DOS commands. Save that configuration as "Oldauto.bat". If you see the word "Smartdrive", go to that line and add the two characters "/X". Save and restart.

3. I'm a Windows95 user and I have no sound (yes, I've checked that my speakers are connected and turned on):

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