

Need another word that means the same as “muse”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “muse” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Muse” are: inspiration, stimulus, stimulation, chew over, contemplate, excogitate, meditate, mull, mull over, ponder, reflect, ruminate, speculate, think over

Muse as a Noun

Definitions of "Muse" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “muse” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *In ancient Greek mythology any of 9 daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne; protector of an art or science.*
- *A person or personified force who is the source of inspiration for a creative artist.*
- *(in Greek and Roman mythology) each of nine goddesses, the daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne, who preside over the arts and sciences.*
- *The source of an artist's inspiration.*



Synonyms of "Muse" as a noun (3 Words)

- inspiration** A sudden brilliant or timely idea.
*The Malvern Hills have provided **inspiration** for many artists.*
- stimulation** The effect of a stimulus (on nerves or organs etc).
*The **stimulation** of a revolution in intelligence affairs.*
- stimulus** A thing that arouses activity or energy in someone or something; a spur or incentive.
*She loved the **stimulus** of the job.*



Usage Examples of "Muse" as a noun

- *Yeats' muse, Maud Gonne.*
- *Euterpe was his muse.*
- *The landscape was Gorky's primary muse.*



Muse as a Verb

Definitions of "Muse" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "muse" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Reflect deeply on a subject.*



Synonyms of "Muse" as a verb (11 Words)

chew over Chew (food); to bite and grind with the teeth.

contemplate Think deeply and at length.
***Contemplate** one's navel.*

excogitate Reflect deeply on a subject.
*The scientist must stop to observe and start to **excogitate**.*

meditate Think intently and at length, as for spiritual purposes.
*He went off to **meditate** on the new idea.*

mull Heat with sugar and spices to make a hot drink.
*She began to **mull** over the various possibilities.*

mull over Heat with sugar and spices to make a hot drink.

ponder Think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.
*I **pondered** the question of what clothes to wear for the occasion.*

reflect

Be bright by reflecting or casting light.

*He could see himself **reflected** in Keith's mirrored glasses.*

ruminant

(of a ruminant) chew the cud.

*Cows **ruminant**.*

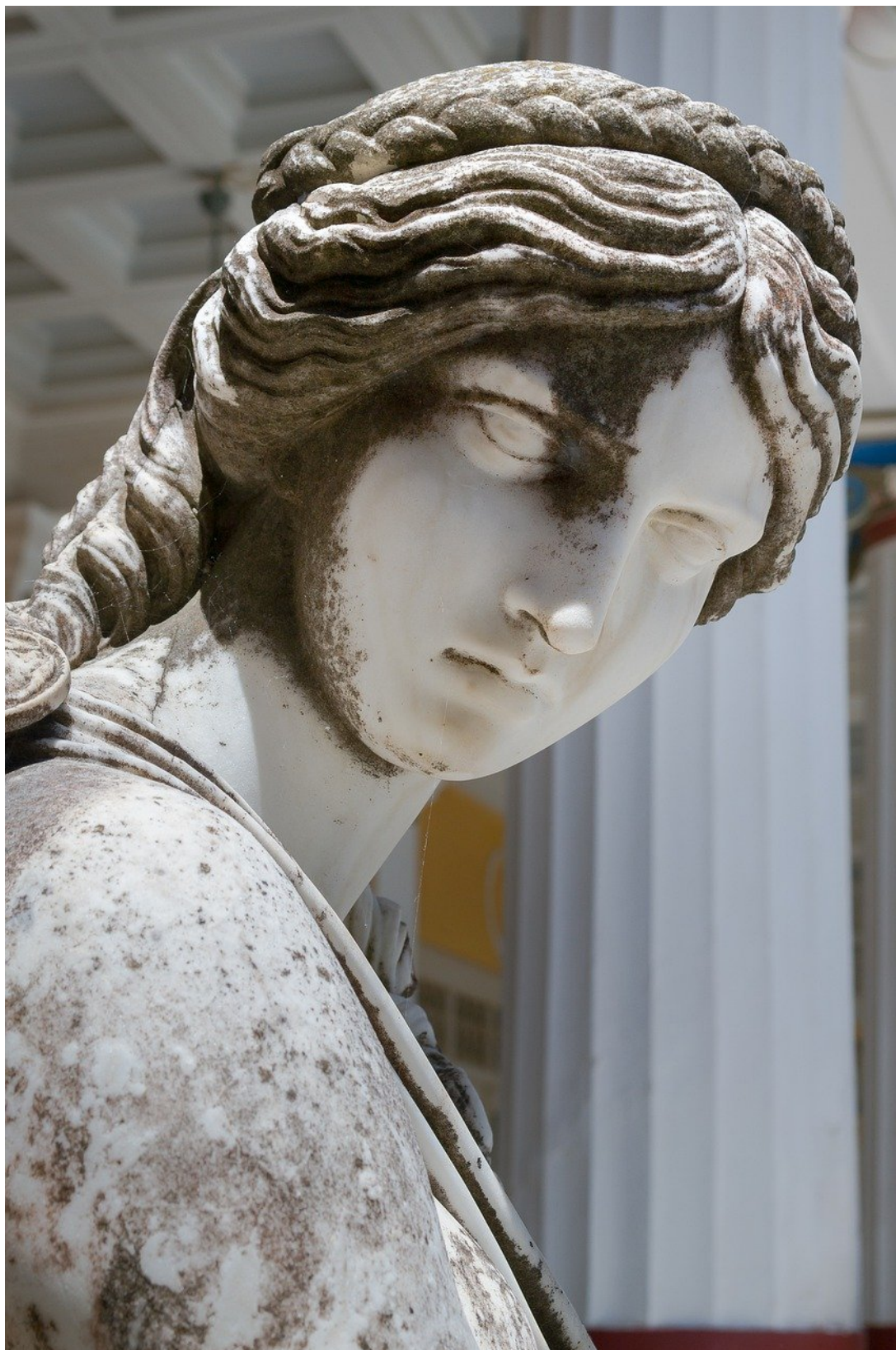
speculate

Invest in stocks, property, or other ventures in the hope of gain but with the risk of loss.

*He didn't look as though he had the money to **speculate** in shares.*

think over

Recall knowledge from memory; have a recollection.



Associations of "Muse" (30 Words)

bethink	Consider or ponder something carefully. <i>He bethought himself of the verse from the Book of Proverbs.</i>
brood	Think deeply about something that makes one unhappy, angry, or worried. <i>She was brought up as part of a brood of eight.</i>
careful	Unhurried and with care and dignity. <i>Careful of the rights of others.</i>
cautious	People who are fearful and cautious. <i>Reserved and cautious never making swift decisions.</i>
cogitate	Consider carefully and deeply; reflect upon; turn over in one's mind. <i>He stroked his beard and retired to cogitate.</i>
consider	Take into consideration for exemplifying purposes. <i>Each application is considered on its merits.</i>
considerate	Showing careful thought. <i>Be considerate over your handwriting.</i>
contemplate	Have in view as a probable intention. <i>Contemplate one's navel.</i>
contemplative	A person devoted to the contemplative life. <i>She regarded me with a contemplative eye.</i>
deliberate	Careful and unhurried. <i>A deliberate attempt to provoke a response.</i>
designed	Done or made or performed with purpose and intent. <i>Specially designed buildings.</i>
intend	Mean or intend to express or convey. <i>This benefit is intended for people incapable of work.</i>
intentionality	The quality of mental states (e.g. thoughts, beliefs, desires, hopes) which consists in their being directed towards some object or state of affairs.
meditate	Think deeply about (something). <i>He went off to meditate on the new idea.</i>
meditative	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i>Meditative techniques.</i>
mirror	Reflect as if in a mirror. <i>He checked his appearance in the mirror.</i>
mirrored	Fitted with a mirror or mirrors. <i>Mirrored sunglasses.</i>

mull	A term used in Scottish names of promontories. <i>Mulled cider.</i>
pensive	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A pensive mood.</i>
<u>ponder</u>	Think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion. <i>She sat pondering over her problem.</i>
premeditated	Characterized by deliberate purpose and some degree of planning. <i>A premeditated crime.</i>
premeditation	Planning or plotting in advance of acting. <i>The defendant said there was no planning or premeditation.</i>
<u>reconsider</u>	Consider (something) again, especially for a possible change of decision regarding it. <i>I beg you to reconsider.</i>
<u>reflect</u>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>Schools should reflect cultural differences.</i>
<u>reflective</u>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i>A quiet reflective astute man.</i>
<u>ruminate</u>	Think deeply about something. <i>Cows ruminate.</i>
<u>speculate</u>	Invest at a risk. <i>My colleagues speculate about my private life.</i>
think	An instance of deliberate thinking. <i>She didn't think to harm me.</i>
thoughtful	Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>A thoughtful paper.</i>
<u>thoughtfully</u>	With consideration for the needs of other people. <i>He stared thoughtfully into the fire.</i>

