

Heroes of Mount Olympus: Reading Comprehension Adventures with Ancient Mythology

English

Grade 3

Mythology Theme

Help the mighty Greek gods and heroes complete their quests by reading each adventure carefully and answering the questions about what happens in their mythological journeys!

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1

Heracles is on his First Labor and must capture the Nemean Lion. The scroll he reads says: 'The lion has golden fur and cannot be harmed by any weapon. You must use your strength to defeat it.' What method should Heracles use to defeat the lion according to the scroll?

2

Athena gives Theseus a scroll with instructions for the Labyrinth: 'Take the golden thread. Tie it at the entrance. Follow it through the maze. Use it to find your way back after defeating the Minotaur.' How many items does Theseus need to bring into the Labyrinth?

3

Perseus reads an ancient prophecy that says: 'Three sisters called Gorgons live beyond the desert. Two are immortal, but one named Medusa can be killed. Her blood is magical.' How many of the Gorgon sisters can be defeated by a hero?

4

Odysseus finds a message from Circe the Enchantress: 'My island has four dangers: the Sirens who sing, the Scylla with six heads, the Charybdis whirlpool, and the lotus flowers that make you forget home.' How many dangers does Odysseus need to avoid on his journey?

5

Jason studies the map of his Argonaut voyage. The route shows: first stop Colchis for the Golden Fleece, second stop the Island of Bronze, third stop Crete. How many stops must Jason make on his quest?

6

Persephone reads her mother Demeter's letter which says: 'You will spend four months in the Underworld and eight months with me on Earth.' How many months will Persephone spend with her mother each year?

7

Pandora discovers a list inside her famous box: 'Inside you will find sickness, sorrow, pain, and at the very bottom, hope.' If Pandora opens the box and all items escape except hope, how many troubles are released into the world?

8

Prometheus writes a warning about his punishment: 'An eagle will come and eat my liver during the day. Every night, my liver will grow back. This will happen for thirty thousand years.' How many times will Prometheus's liver be eaten and regrow?

Answer Key

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For Parents and Teachers

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ANSWER

He should use his strength to defeat it (wrestling or strangulation)

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ANSWER

One item (the golden thread)

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ANSWER

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Four dangers

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Three stops

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Eight months

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ANSWER

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ANSWER

Many times over thirty thousand years (or the punishment is eternal/repeated daily)