LET’S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!

Host an event in your library, bookstore, or home to celebrate the release of Percy Jackson’s Greek Gods! Throughout this kit you’ll find fun event ideas and activities related to the Percy Jackson series and Greek mythology.

CREATE A GREEK FEAST!

Ancient Greeks had very simple diets that included bread, vegetables, and, occasionally, a bit of meat or fish.

In that spirit, set up your own feast! Serve a variety of snacks, and encourage your guests to be creative in giving them a Greek identity (e.g., malted milk balls as “quail eggs”). You could even serve some Greek nectar (e.g., a favorite fruit drink or bottled water).

And remember, no party to celebrate Percy would be complete without blue food! As an ode to Percy, serve different creations of food at your party, like blue cakes or cupcakes, blueberry muffins, blue punch, or candy!

THESE GODS ARE STYLIN’ ON MOUNT OLYMPUS!

In order to have a party fit for the Greeks gods, you’ll need to dress the part and decorate!

Encourage participants to come dressed as their favorite god or goddess and ask them to introduce themselves and to include a fact about the god/goddess they chose.

No godly celebration is complete without the right décor. Consider decorating your library, store, or home with designs from certain features of Greek architecture. Typical themes included columns, porticos, statuary, friezes, mosaics, and frescoes.

LANGUAGE LESSON: CREATE YOUR OWN GREEK NAME TAGS

Supplies needed:

• Name tags
• Pencils or pens
• Greek alphabet/English alphabet template.

Directions: Place all the items out on a table for participants. Using the Greek alphabet/English alphabet template, participants can create their own name in Greek.
**Let the Games Begin!**

**Pin the Tail on Cerberus**
This is a twist on the traditional “Pin the Tail on the Donkey” game where participants are blindfolded and spun around before attempting to pin the tail on the image (in the right place, of course). Find a picture of Cerberus online, enlarge it, and hang it up on a wall. Cut out several copies of its tail. Have blindfolded participants take turns attempting to place the tail in the right spot. The participant who gets the tail closest to the right spot is the winner!

**Hot Lightning Bolt**
This is a twist on the traditional “Hot Potato” game. Use cardboard or card stock to cut out a lightning bolt shape. Decorate the lightning bolt by coloring it in, using glitter, or even covering it with tin foil. Participants should sit in a circle and, once the music starts, pass Zeus’s lightning bolt from one to another. When the music stops, the participant left holding the lightning bolt is pulled out of the game. The last participant left in the game wins.

**Gryphon Egg Hunt**
Use plastic eggs and place chocolate golden “drachma” coins inside the egg. Hide the eggs within your library, bookstore, or home for the participants to find. Make the event more fun by printing up scavenger hunt–type clues to find the egg locations.

**How Many Eyes Does a Cyclops Have? Guessing Game**
Fill a large jar with large gum balls or golf balls and remember the count. Have participants guess the number of “Cyclops Eyes” in the jar. Have small sheets of paper, a box, and pencils nearby. Each participant can fill out their guess, fold the sheet of paper over, and place it in the box. The person whose guess is closest to the correct amount (without going over) wins a prize.

**Grover’s Bridal Shower**
Help Grover to design the perfect wedding dress and train for Polyphemus. Use white crepe paper or tissue paper for this activity. Divide participants up into small groups. One participant in the group plays Grover, and the other participants have a set amount of time to create a wedding dress from the paper. At the end of the activity, the participants can have a fashion show of sorts, to decide the best dress design.
This is Annabeth’s version of anagrams. Look at the word in the left column and then scramble the letters to create a new word that you would find in the Percy Jackson books. Write your new word in the blank space to the right.

| Dogs     |       |
| Diet     |       |
| Feats    |       |
| Feasts   |       |
| Secure   |       |
| Canoe    |       |
| Swing    |       |
| Viral    |       |
| Adverb   |       |
| Meat     |       |
| Acres    |       |
| Run      |       |
| Icon     |       |
| Stew     |       |
| Finder   |       |
| Cheaters |       |
| Option   |       |
| Present  |       |
| Amp      |       |
| Sharp    |       |
| Strap    |       |
| Alloy    |       |
| Marched  |       |
| Resin    |       |
| Kills    |       |
| Resists  |       |
| Dealer   |       |
| Came     |       |
| Live     |       |
| Lays     |       |
| Moods    |       |
| Feels    |       |
Percy’s Snarky Word Search

In Percy Jackson’s Greek Gods, Percy uses his own style to tell the stories of the gods. In the below activity, find some of Percy’s favorite words.

GRAINZILLA  PUKE  CRIB  SMACKDOWN
SHINY  CHEESY  THUNDERPANTS  BUMMER
STALKER  SWEETCAKES  GOONS  EPIC
DUDE  DEATHBRINGER  DERP  SLIMEBUCKET
LOSER  DOOHickey  RIPPED  CREEPY

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T N F W Z N K U R L M I V X I H R Q U U
M H O Q A O N F I W B Z K F Y K T I F K
T S S T P P B X H R S B E D Z P U Z D I
T F D E Y N I H S L Y S E E H C F E N P
E K O L K A D U F O B A O X H R D N J B
K U O A T A V F S K T U Z S E O H X Z M
C C H N C N C Y D H R S M K I C F G G N
U K I T X M O T B Y F C L M R K D Y V C
B Q C J K O J R E D X A R E E R W A E V
E D K V O M I B E E T V E I S R P G M N
M S E A L N X P K S W P O V B G R M P P
I C Y A G Y P Z A V Y S Z W R C S F R E
L O U E B I A L L I Z N I A R G H E D K
S H R T R X A E K U P U I X F X D U T L
S N O O G O G B Q H A Q Z V P W D N S P
S H T H U N D E R P A N T S J U O U B I
R N W D K C A M S B D A Z I E X T U M
Z V D G V T F R J C E L O S E R P B R X
J B R Y V T G M V K N U T K O N W I N J
Z U F T A W C C B E T Y O U Q M Q J C T
GET YOUR GREEK ON!
TRIVIA QUESTIONS FROM PERCY JACKSON’S GREEK GODS

1. Name the Titan that swallowed his own children.

2. What is the blood of the gods called?

3. What is the favorite drink of the immortals?

4. Name the geographic center of the world for the Greeks.

5. What was Kronos’s weapon of choice?

6. Where did Zeus spend his childhood?

7. What did the Greeks call Poseidon?

8. What mythological creatures pull Poseidon’s chariot?

9. Who was the Titan of the Sun?

10. What were Medusa and her two sisters called?

11. What is the plural of Cyclops?

12. Who was the messenger god?

13. Where did Zeus cast Kronos, once Zeus cut him into a thousand pieces?

14. In Greek mythology, what is a tree nymph or tree spirit called?

15. Name Hephaestus’s sacred animal.

16. What tree was one of Athena’s most recognized symbols?

17. What was the sacred animal of Ares?

18. What is an alternative name for Eros?

19. Who was the goddess of grain and harvest?

20. Who was the god of winemaking and wine?
WHO’S YOUR DADDY (OR MOMMA)?
COULD YOU BE A DEMIGOD?

Though the gods and goddesses are immortal and have some awesome powers, in many ways they exhibit personalities very similar to humans. Often we have similar qualities as our parents. Begin by asking: Am I quick-witted? Am I disciplined? Am I a good listener? Check the box next to the traits you think describe you best.

**STRENGTHS**

- [ ] sees the big picture
- [ ] great memory
- [ ] quick-witted
- [ ] disciplined
- [ ] hard-working

- [ ] physical strength
- [ ] good listener
- [ ] charismatic
- [ ] laid-back
- [ ] hand-to-hand combat

- [ ] moral
- [ ] reasonable
- [ ] intuitive
- [ ] loving

Want to learn more about which god or goddess you could be related to? Download RICK RIORDAN’S DEMIGODS OF OLYMPUS app and read an original story by Rick Riordan entitled, “My Two-Headed Guidance Counselor.” As you work through all the features of the app, you’ll discover more about yourself, and you might discover that you are a demigod yourself!

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**Rick Riordan’s Demigods of Olympus**

[HeroesofOlympus.com](http://HeroesofOlympus.com)
ANSWER KEY

ANNABETH-GRAMS

Gods = Dogs  Option = Potion
Diet = Tide   Present = Serpent
Feats = Fates  Amp = Map
Feasts = Safest  Sharp = Harps
Secure = Rescue  Strap = Traps
Canoe = Ocean  Alloy = Loyal
Swing = Wings  Marched = Charmed
Viral = Rival  Resin = Siren
Adverb = Braved  Kills = Skill
Meat = Team  Resists = Sisters
Acres = Races  Dealer = Leader
Run = Urn  Came = Mace
Icon = Coin  Live = Veil
Stew = West  Lays = Slay
Finder = Friend  Mood = Doom
Cheaters = Teachers  Feels = Flees

PERCY’S SNARKY WORD SEARCH

T N F W Z N K U R L M I Y X I H R Q U U
M H O Q A O N F I W B Z K F Y K T I K
T S S T P P B X H R S B E D E Z P U Z D I
T P D E T N I H S L Y S E E H C F E N P
E K O L K A D U F O S A O X H A D N J B
K U O A T A V F S K T U Z S E O H X Z M
C B H N C N C Y D H R S M K I C F G G N
U K I T X M O T B Y F C L M R K D Y V C
B Q C J K O J R E D X A R E E R R W A E V
E D K V O M I B E E T V E I S R P G M N
M S E A L N X P K S W P O V B G R M P P
I C Y A G Y P Z A V Y S Z W R C S F R E
L O U B I A L L I Z N A R H E D K
S H B T B X A E K U P U I X F X O U T L
S N O O G G B Q H A Q Z Y P W O N S P
S H T H U N D E R P A N T S J U O U B I
R N W O D K C A M S B D A Z I E X T U M
Z V D G V T F R J C E L O S E R P B R X
J B R Y V T G M V K N U T K O N W I N J
Z U F T A W C B E T Y O U Q M O J C T

GET YOUR GREEK ON!

1. Kronos  11. Cyclopes
2. Ichor   12. Hermes
4. The Oracle of Delphi  14. Dryad
5. A Scythe  15. The Donkey
7. Earthshaker  17. The Wild Boar
8. Hippocampi  18. Cupid
10. The Gorgons  20. Dionysus

POSEIDON