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# GREEK HEROES

DOWNLOADABLE ACTIVITY KIT



# LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!

Host an event in your library, bookstore, or home to celebrate the release of *Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes* and also Percy Jackson's birthday (August 18th)! 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 Greek 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.



PERCY

## 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 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.





# PERCY JACKSON'S GREEK HEROES WORD SEARCH

Find the Names of the Twelve Heroes Featured in the Book!

PERSEUS

PSYCHE

PHAETHON

OTRERA

DAEDALUS

THESEUS

ATALANTA

BELLEROPHON

CYRENE

ORPHEUS

HERCULES

JASON

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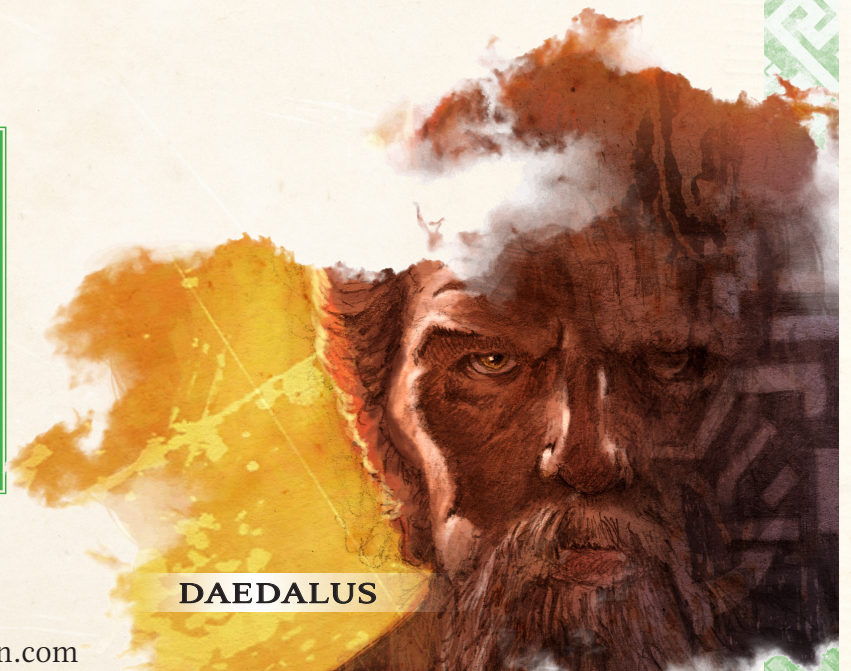
# DO YOU SHIP IT?

Decipher these couple names within *Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes*.

Percabeth = Percy + Annabeth

1. Panos \_\_\_\_\_
2. Otrares \_\_\_\_\_
3. Pheseus \_\_\_\_\_
4. Dariadne \_\_\_\_\_
5. Psyros \_\_\_\_\_
6. Perdromeda \_\_\_\_\_
7. Hippolanta \_\_\_\_\_
8. Hercaneira \_\_\_\_\_

Want to have more fun with this activity? Make your own combinations from the above names, or, after reading *Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes*, make up SHIP names of other couples within the book.



DAEDALUS



# WHICH HERO ARE YOU?

Complete the following questions to find out which Greek hero you are most similar to. Then you can read more about their story in *Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes!*

**What is your preferred mode of transportation?**

- A. I like to fly—it beats traffic!
- B. I take the wind—they let me check my bags for free.
- C. My feet—I can get anywhere I need to go. Plus, I'm a super fast runner.
- D. A chariot—I ride in style or not at all.
- E. I walk, I swim, I climb . . . whatever can get me to where I am going!

**Quick! A monster is attacking! What is your weapon of choice?**

- A. Sword and shield— I am a classic hero.
- B. I don't believe in violence, so I will use my wit!
- C. Bow and arrow—they work best for hunting.
- D. Spear—I don't just kill monsters . . . I slaughter them.
- E. Ha! You insult my strength—I just use my fist! (Or, maybe a club.)

**What song best describes you?**

- A. "Stayin' Alive" by The Bee Gees. I may be mortal, but no one can seem to kill me!
- B. "Uptown Funk" by Bruno Mars. I'm too hot!
- C. "Respect" by Aretha Franklin. What you want, baby I got it. All I'm asking for is a little respect!
- D. "Bad Blood" by Taylor Swift. You really shouldn't mess with me.
- E. "Eye of the Tiger" by Survivor. I'm always risin' up to the challenge of our rival.

**What is the most important thing in life?**

- A. Home and family.
- B. Compassion and dedication.
- C. Respect for my boundaries!
- D. Independence and adventure.
- E. Victory!

**Which word best describes you?**

- A. Brave
- B. Devoted
- C. Fierce
- D. Dangerous
- E. Strong

**Which god or goddess do you call in times of trouble?**

- A. Athena—she is the goddess of wisdom and battle strategy, after all.
- B. Eros—a.k.a. Cupid, the god of love must be able to help!
- C. Forget the gods! I work alone.
- D. Apollo—the god of healing, light, and truth? Yes, please!
- E. Zeus—if you are going to call on a god . . . go big or go home.



**ATALANTA**

**Mostly As? You got Perseus:** Perseus (meaning "avenger") is one of the most resilient heroes of the bunch! He is dedicated, honorable, and brave.

**Mostly Bs? You got Psyche:** Psyche (meaning "soul") is the most beautiful girl of all the mortals, but she never lets that go to her head! She is smart, witty, and fiercely loyal. She becomes the Goddess of the Human Soul because she is so kind.

**Mostly Cs? You got Atalanta:** Atalanta (meaning "equal in weight") was raised by a mother bear until she was six, when she returned to city life. She grew to be the fastest and strongest woman around! No one can shoot a bow and arrow like her, and her presence demands respect.

**Mostly Ds? You got Cyrene:** Cyrene (meaning "sovereign queen") is one of the fiercest huntresses you'll ever meet. She might love danger, but she still finds time to take care of her dogs and family!

**Mostly Es? You got Hercules:** Hercules (meaning "Glory of Hera") is regarded as one of the greatest Ancient Greek heroes of all time. He is strong, fast, and has a bit of a temper!



# FIND YOUR WAY OUT OF THE MINOTAUR'S LABYRINTH!

Make your way through the maze—but beware of the Minotaur!





# CREATE YOUR OWN ORACLE WHEEL!

Draw a pie chart on cardboard or construction paper and cut it out. Do the same with an arrow. Affix the arrow to the middle of the pie chart with a brad, and make sure the arrow will spin. You can number the triangles on the pie chart—or color them with different colors. Then you can write down prophecies of your own by color or number on the index cards or small sheets of paper. You and your friends can spin the oracle wheel, and then pick the prophecy that is indicated by the arrow. Here are some sample prophecies, but after reading *Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes*, you can also come up with your own! Don't forget to add the very last thing at the end of all your prophecies—"Have a nice day!"

## SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Construction paper and/or cardboard
- Scissors
- Brads
- Markers, crayons, or pens
- Index cards or small sheets of paper



## ORACLE PROPHECIES:

1. The Oracle says you will go on a long journey with Theseus. In the middle of the journey, Theseus will become distracted by a fast three-legged dog, and he'll leave you stranded on a hot dusty road without much food or water.
2. The Oracle decides you will help Psyche clean Demeter's Temple, but while doing so, you will accidentally knock over a sacred vessel. This will displease Demeter and she will turn you into a stalk of corn. Your future will be sealed as kernels in a bag of microwave popcorn.
3. The Oracle declares you will be a companion for Atalanta, but as she seems to prefer animals to humans, you will have to do this task dressed as a woodland squirrel.
4. The Oracle announces you will be charged with taking care of the Sun Chariot owned by Helios. While you are doing this, Helios overhears you making fun of his favorite easy-listening CD. Helios will turn you into burnt toast for not liking his taste in music.
5. The Oracle tells you that while on a long sea voyage with Bellerophon, you will be blamed for every disaster that occurs along the way.
6. The Oracle states that you will go along with Hercules as he does his twelfth stupid thing. Hercules gives you the task of holding on to the Munch Bones he has brought along for Cerberus. You decide to put them in your pocket. Cerberus will decide you smell yummy and you will be covered in Cerberus-slobber.

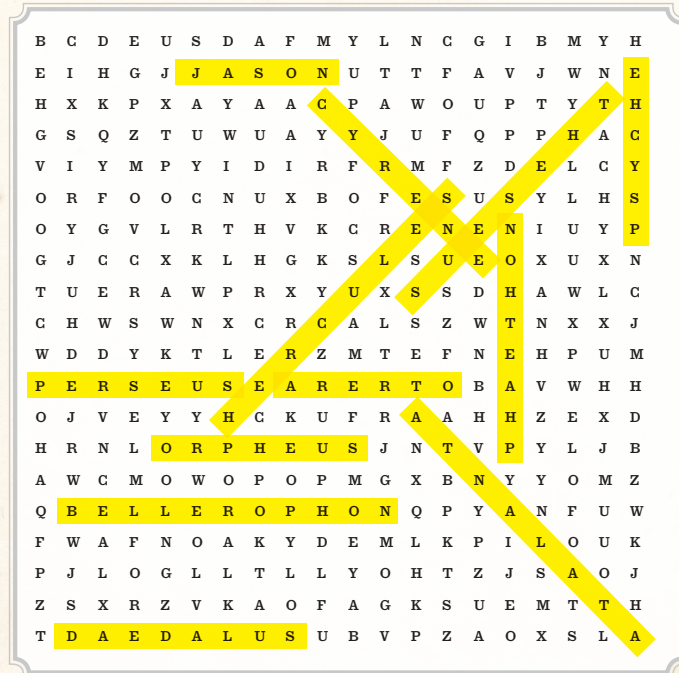


PSYCHE



# ANSWER KEY

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## DO YOU SHIP IT?

1. Minos and Pasiphae—From *Daedalus Invents (Pretty Much Everything Else)*
2. Otrera and Ares—From *Otrera Invents the Amazons (With Free Two-Day Shipping)*
- 3). Theseus and Phaedra—From *Theseus Slays the Mighty—Oh Look! A Bunny Rabbit!*
4. Dionysus and Ariadne—From *Theseus Slays the Mighty—Oh Look! A Bunny Rabbit!*
5. Psyche and Eros—From *Psyche Ninjas a Box of Beauty Cream*
6. Perseus and Andromeda—From *Perseus Wants a Hug*
7. Atalanta and Hippomenes—From *Atalanta vs. Three Pieces of Fruit: The Ultimate Death Match*
8. Hercules and Deianeira—From *Hercules Does Twelve Stupid Things*

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THESEUS