

Summer Reading Project



Name: _____

How and why to use this booklet

Reading is the biggest and most important factor in achieving at school. Not only that but it's fun!

Over the six week holidays, we hope you will enjoy reading Rick Riordan's "Percy Jackson and the Greek Heroes". It will help you with the first scheme of learning in year 7: Myths and Legends.

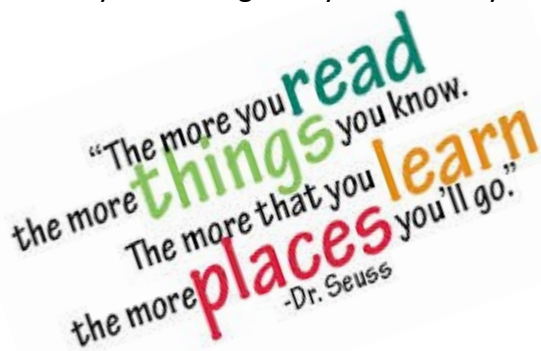
You do not have to buy a copy—though you can if you wish—you will find the whole novel available here at this web address for free:

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Or you can listen online for free at:

<https://goldenaudiobooks.com/rick-riordan-percy-jacksons-greek-heroes-audiobook-free-online/>

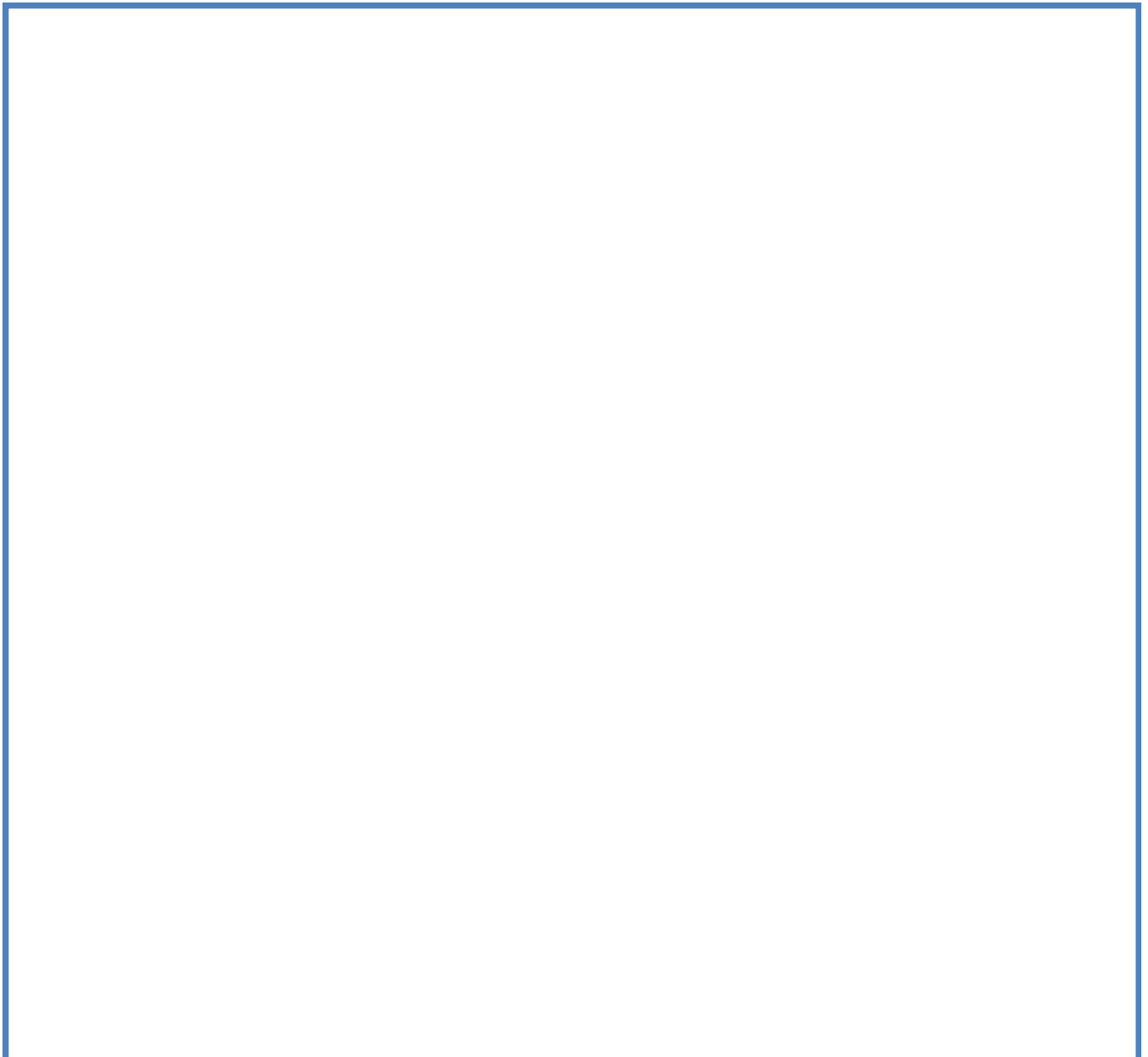
As you read, choose at least 6 of the different activities in the booklet to complete. Some are harder than others so don't worry if you can't complete them all but try to if you can! When you start at Kingsmead in September you will be studying story telling—in particular Ovid's Tales of Change—so some of these stories will give you great knowledge of some of the key characters that will feature in the Greek myths and legends you will study.



Create a Demi-God!

Many of the Greek heroes are demi-Gods (half-God; half mortal). create your own in the space below.

- What powers does your demi-God have?
- Which Gods are they the son/daughter of?
- What personality do they have? Should the Greeks be scared of them? Why/why not?
- What do they look like?
- What are they called?



Language Discovery

Many of the words and phrases we use today have come from Greek mythology. Find out the definition of the following:

Word/phrase	Definition	Origin (from Greek mythology)
Echo	A repetition of sound	Hera punished a nymph by making her repeat what others' say.
Achilles' heel		
Labyrinth		
Atlas		
Herculean effort		
Tantalise		
Midas touch		
Panic		
Titanic		

Extension: can you find any more words or phrases from Greek mythology which we use today? Can you use some of the words above in your own Greek myth on page 6?



Gifts for the Gods.

Mortals used to offer gifts to the God or Goddess of their Kingdom. What gifts would you give and why? They should all be things the Gods really want or need. List or make them!

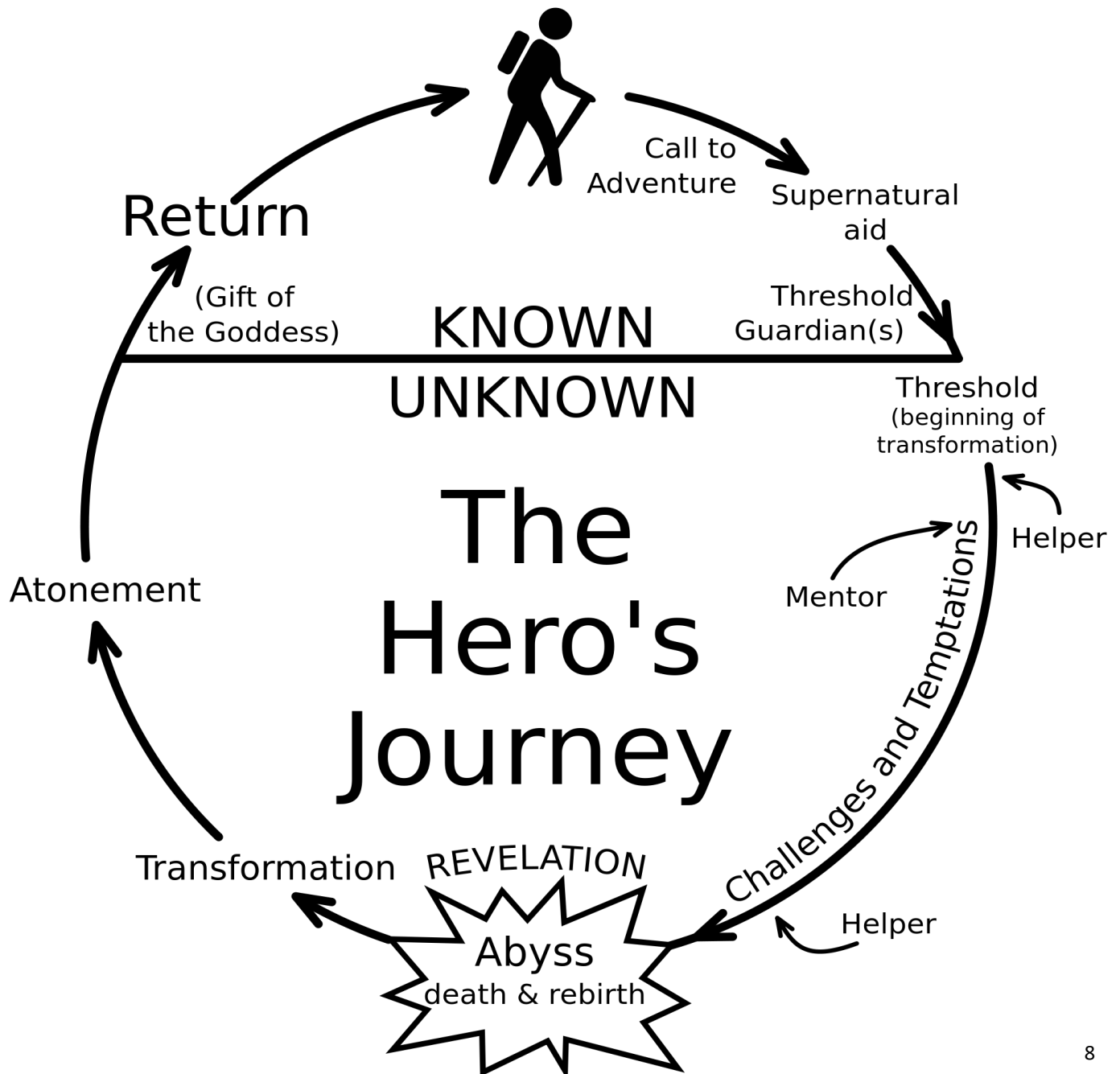
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Your heroic journey!

Research the story of The Odyssey. What obstacles does Odysseus face in his journey home from Calypso's island?

Think of a goal you have and the obstacles that might be in your way (it could be already completed or a future objective).

Write about your journey towards this goal with each paragraph focusing on a particular obstacle.



Bio Poem

Create a mythological biographical poem about one of the heroes in the book, using the prompts below!

Line 1: Hero's name _____

Line 2: Three traits that describe the Hero _____

Line 3: Son/daughter of _____

Line 4: Wife/husband of _____

Line 5: Who feels _____ (three things)

Line 6: Who needs _____ (three things)

Line 7: Who fears _____ (three things)

Line 8: Who gives _____ (three things)

Line 9: Resident of _____

Line 10: Hero's name _____

For example:

Achilles

Great, powerful, frightening

Son of Thetis and Peleus

Husband of no-one

Who feels anger, love and delight

Who needs power, companionship and battles

Who fears nothing, no one and nowhere

Who gives death, destruction and trauma

Resident of Greece

Achilles

Character Silhouette

In the space below, draw the outline of your favourite Greek hero. Inside the outline, list their ten most important traits (add quotes from the book if you can). Outside the outline, draw symbols which represent their interests, personality, belief, skills etc... (for Perseus you could have a wings, a helmet and a heart for his sentimental side!)

_____ 's Facebook

Make a Facebook page for one of the Greek heroes. Include their relationship status, pages to like, groups to follow and 2-3 status updates.

Name of God/Goddess:

Pages I like:

Timeline

Friends

Photos

Relationship status:

Status:

My groups:

Lives in:

Born on:

My music:

My books:

Places:

Sports:

Events:

Movies/TV shows:

Likes:

Mount Olympus Problem Page!

The Greek heroes have a lot of problems. Reply to their problems, trying to offer a sensible solution!

Impossible Quest.

Dear Agony Aunt,

My awful father-in-law has challenged me to cut off Medusa's head. If I don't do it, I will lose everyone's respect and will become a laughing stock but how on earth can I accomplish this impossible task?

Distressed son, Greece.

Dear Distressed,

Yours,

Agony Aunt

I want women to get some respect!

Dear Agony Aunt

I am so sick of the way women are treated. Just because we are born female, we are basically seen as slaves. Men need to learn that women are strong and have much more to offer. In fact, I would like to build an army of women to rise up against these arrogant men! They need to be taught a lesson.

Powerful woman, Greece.

My sisters are jealous of me.

Dear Agony Aunt,

My sisters hate me because I am beautiful. They say cruel things even though I am nothing but nice to them. Not only that, but no men speak to me because they are too scared. I can't go anywhere without bodyguards to fend off my admirers. I never get any privacy but I am still desperately lonely.

Frustrated teen, Greece.

Dear Frustrated,

Yours,

Agony Aunt

Dear Powerful woman,

Yours,

Agony Aunt

Aim to use a range of punctuation:

1. **Exclamation marks** for when you want to add urgency, excitement or commands e.g. "Help!"
2. **Speech marks** for dialogue e.g. "Quick, Alyssa!" shouted Apollo.
3. **Brackets** for less important information or asides e.g. Masses of monsters (there must have been hundreds) closed in on them.
4. **Ellipsis** for an unfinished thought or pause e.g. And there in the darkness...

Extension Activities



Activity one: Make a “surprise me” homework based on “Percy Jackson and the Greek Heroes”. This is where you surprise your teacher with a homework of your choice. It could be a painting, rap, play, anything you want. The only rule is be creative! We will have a “surprise me” homework show and tell when you start Kingsmead in September.

(Perhaps you could make a model of The Trojan Horse?)

Activity two: Log onto <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> and enter the competition. You can also make your own profile, chat and add your own books you are currently reading on this interactive website.

More recommended websites:

<http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

<http://www.theradclyffeschool.co.uk/5steps4writingwp/>

<http://5steps4reading.theradclyffeschool.co.uk/>