

PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF BY RICK RIORDAN

Comprehension Guide, Key, Vocab, & More!



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**COMPREHENSION GUIDE
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THE LIGHTNING THIEF: CHAPTERS 1 & 2

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Zeus is usually represented as an older, vigorous bearded man. His symbol is the thunderbolt. He is highly powerful, strong, charming, and persuasive. Zeus is King of the Gods of Mount Olympus and has a beautiful wife Hera. Zeus is a creator god who is sometimes considered to be too friendly to humankind by his peers.

Good readers use background knowledge to better comprehend...

Where did Percy attend school? What type of students went to that school?

STRATEGY FOCUS: CHARACTER TRAITS
Good readers will understand the characters they are reading about. Show what you know about the characters in the table below.

CHARACTER	WHAT I KNOW
PERCY	

THE LIGHTNING THIEF: CHAPTERS 13 & 14

STRATEGY FOCUS: EXTENDING THE TEXT
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THE LIGHTNING THIEF: CHAPTERS 4 & 10

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On the each of the "suitcases" below, write down what each person (Percy, Annabeth, and Grover) decided to take on the quest.

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THE LIGHTNING THIEF: CHAPTERS 19 & 20

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STRATEGY FOCUS: UNDERSTANDING IMPORTANT DETAILS
Describe the three areas of the Underworld. Make sure each column has at least three details.

FIELDS OF APODOL	FIELDS OF PUNISHMENT	ELYSIUM

STRATEGY FOCUS: VISUALIZING
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PROJECT CHOICES**

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GODS, TITANS, & CREATURES
The story is loaded with mythological beings and creatures. Choose five of these characters and classify them into one of the five categories. Draw a picture of each character and provide a physical description and a summary of the role each character plays in the story.

WANTED POSTER
You will need to create a poster must include a photo, a wanted, a reward, and a description of the character.

A JOURNEY ACROSS AMERICA
Percy, Grover, and Annabeth went on a quest on a skateboard. Draw their journey and label the cities they visited. Write a description as to what happened in each city.

THE NEW LOTUS
You are the new owner of a lotus. Your task is to create a game board to learn that no one else has ever developed. Draw and color the game board and show what these areas would be used for.

GAME BOARD
Make up a colorful board game on construction paper. Your game must include a story. Your game board must tell the story.

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THE LIGHTNING THIEF IS A FANTASY-ADVENTURE WRITTEN BY RICK RIORDAN. IT IS THE FIRST NOVEL IN THE PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS SERIES, WHICH CHARTS THE ADVENTURES OF MODERN DAY 12-YEAR-OLD PERCY JACKSON AS HE DISCOVERS HE IS A DEMIGOD, THE SON OF A MORTAL WOMAN AND THE GREEK GOD POSEIDON. PERCY AND HIS FRIENDS GO ON A QUEST TO PREVENT AN APOCALYPTIC WAR BETWEEN THE GREEK GODS ZEUS, POSEIDON, AND HADES.

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____



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PRIOR TO READING

Reading Strategy: Prior Knowledge

Before reading, try to answer the questions in the chart below. Write your answers in the left-hand column before you begin reading. Then, read the story to try to find out more or your teacher will provide you with some information. You can write on the right side.

PRIOR TO READING STORY		AFTER DISCUSSION OR STORY	
Who are Zeus, Poseidon, and Hades and what are they known for?			
L I G H T N I N G		T H E	
What is dyslexia and ADD?			
T H I E F			



Prior to Reading

Strategy Focus: Making Predictions

Good readers will predict. Preview your book and make a prediction about what the book will be about. Be sure to use evidence from your preview for your prediction.



GOOD READERS WILL TRY TO FIND MEANINGS FROM THE WORDS...

WORD STUDY

In order to better comprehend what they are reading, good readers will try to find the meanings of the key vocabulary in the story. If you have difficulty with some of the vocabulary words from your reading, just remember that some words may have more than one definition. Be sure the one you use fits the way you think it would be used in the story.

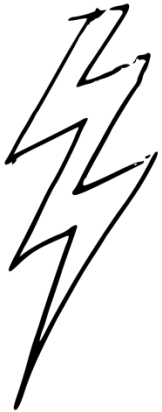
GOOD READERS WILL USE CONTEXT CLUES...

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Directions: Answer the following questions about the story, Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief. Whenever possible, try to use complete sentences.

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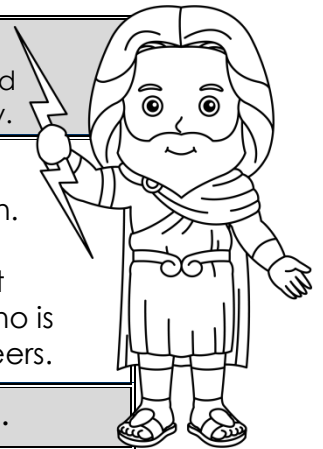
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When did Percy get to the school? What do the students wear to the school?

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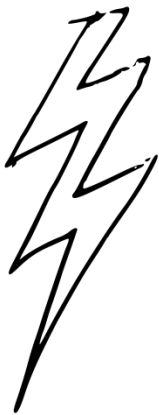
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STRATEGY FOCUS: CHARACTER TRAIT

Good readers will understand the character traits of the characters in the story. Share what you know about the characters in the table below.

CHARACTER	WHAT I KNOW
PERCY	
GROVER	
NANCY BOBOFIT	
MR. BRUNNER	
MRS. DODDS	

THE LIGHTNING THIEF: CHAPTERS 3 & 4



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Hades: King of the Dead; Lord of the Underworld

Like Zeus, Hades is usually represented as a vigorous bearded man. Hades was born to the Great Mother goddess Rhea and Kronos (Father Time) on the island of Crete, along with his brothers Zeus and Poseidon. Hades sprung out of the earth and captured Persephone, dragging her off to be his queen in the Underworld. Her mother Demeter searched for her and stopped all foods from growing until Persephone was returned. Finally, a deal was worked out where Persephone stayed one-third of the year with Hades, or with her mother for the other two-thirds of the year serving as a handmaiden to Zeus at Mount Olympus.

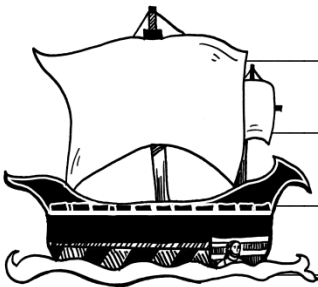
Good readers use background knowledge to better comprehend...

STRATEGY FOCUS: COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Good readers will compare and contrast ideas while they are reading to help them better comprehend the story. You learn more about Percy's mom and dad's relationship and contrast the two. Try to have at least two descriptive words for each of the two people.

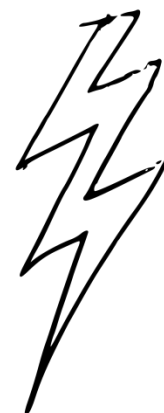
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What supposedly happened to Percy's dad?



Why do you think Percy's mom put up with Gabe?

THE LIGHTNING THIEF: CHAPTERS 7 & 8



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<p>Artemis: Goddess of Wild Things</p> <p>Artemis is physically strong, able to defend herself, and a defender and guardian of wildlife. Artemis is a freedom-loving young woman who likes to roam the forests with her female companions. She doesn't care for city life and keeps to the natural, wild environment.</p>
<p>Good readers use background knowledge to better comprehend...</p>

STRATEGY FOCUS: COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

As you read chapters 7-8, answer the questions below by putting one letter per box. **Note:** Some boxes may not be used. After reading all the questions, unscramble the letters in the shaded boxes to answer the Bonus Question.

Annabeth told Percy that his _____ wasn't a god-imp but was one of the gods.

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Annabeth believed that the gods were angry because she had taken a gift from them. What was the gift? It was returned by the gods, but she was told that she could be forgiven.

THE LIGHTNING

Percy found out through Luke that Annabeth wanted to go on a _____ and thought he might be "the one" she had been waiting for to go with.

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At camp, Percy would rotate _____ out of _____ and take _____ fighting lessons.

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During the sword fighting duel with Luke, Percy was able to knock Luke's sword away and point his sword at Luke's _____.

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The "Big Three" (Zeus, _____, and Hades) decided after World War II that they would not have any more "heroes" (children) to stop wars from happening.

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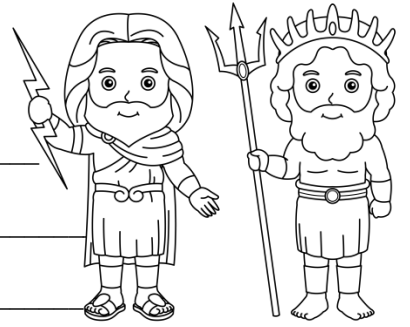


Bonus Question: Now unscramble the shaded letters to form a word that fits in the following blank space. The Greek God Hermes was known as the God of _____ and Troubleshooting.

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THE LIGHTNING THIEF: CHAPTERS 9 & 10

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What does Percy acquire?

LIGHTNING

Who accompanied Percy on his quest? Why couldn't he fly on an airplane to get to Los Angeles?

THIEF

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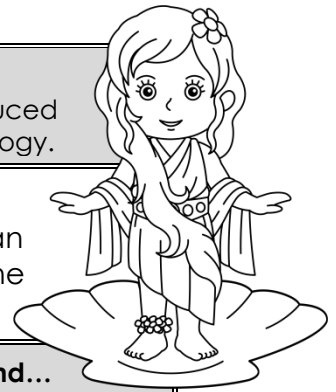
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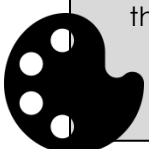
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STRATEGY FOCUS: VISUALIZING

Good readers will paint a picture in their minds to help them better comprehend the story. In the box to the right, draw a picture of one of the three Underworlds. Write a caption for your picture below.



Strategy Focus: Extending the Text
 For this focus, you do not have to write anything down. All you need to do is think about it and be ready to share.

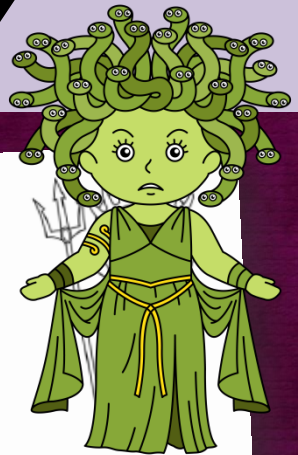
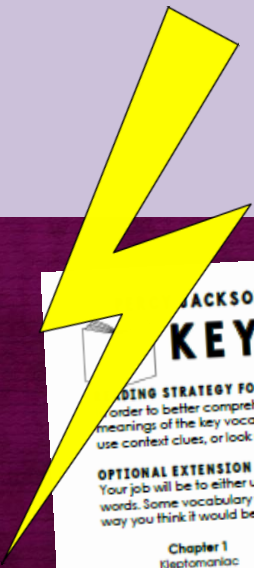


If you had a choice, what underworld would you like to visit? Why?
 Which underworld would you like to visit the least? Why?

Good readers will think about what they are reading...

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Chapter-By-Chapter Vocabulary & Key



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KEY VOCABULARY

READING STRATEGY FOCUS: VOCABULARY
In order to better comprehend what they are reading, good readers will try to find the meanings of the key vocabulary in the story. They may ask someone what a word means, use context clues, or look up the definition.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION ACTIVITY:
Your job will be to either use the vocabulary words below in a sentence or find the words. Some vocabulary words may have several meanings, so be sure that you use the way you think it would be used in the story.

Chapter 1 Kleptomaniac Wespy Disgorge Scythe Dyslexia	Chapter 7 Morals Mischievous Brazier Laurels	Chapter 12 Blazing Slivering Used Lemon Lemon
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Chapter 3 Terminal Reeked Cologne Talons Vivid	Chapter 9 Repetitions Covered Celestial Paranoid Mementos	Chapter 14 Chronic Riveting Propaganda Apathic Muttering
Chapter 4 Shimmering Holographic Dissolve	Chapter 10 Drachmas Chauffeur Hyperventilating Enchanted Torment	Chapter 15 Dimensional See through Image of an object by melting away
Chapter 5 Parasol Pseudonym Endeavors Inclinerates Feigned	Chapter 11 Fattered Glint Curio Statuary Felp Mamed Modulated Crooned Impertinent	Chapter 16 Reluctantly Mildewed Albino Indignation Vagrants
Chapter 6 Gable Abalone Caduceus Pitmal Archetypes	Chapter 17 Critical Hurting Shoals Ballistic Stabilizers	Chapter 17 In whose life will eventually come to an end Sneaky; tricky A simple cooking device placed over hot coals Honors for achievement

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KEY VOCABULARY ANSWER KEY

CHAPTER 1
Kleptomaniac - An obsessive impulse to steal
Wespy - A small bunch of hair
Disgorge - To eject or throw out from the throat
Scythe - A curved blade used to cut
Dyslexia - A learning disorder that makes it hard for one to read, letters are mixed up

CHAPTER 2
Intituble - To drink
Sol - Two times a year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the equator
Solstice - An offense
Juvenile - Used by men
Delinquent - Clear

CHAPTER 3
Terminal - Where people can board buses
Reeked - Used by men
Cologne - Clear
Talons - Clear
Vivid - Clear

CHAPTER 4
Shimmering - A dimensional see through image of an object
Holographic - by melting away
Dissolve - by melting away

CHAPTER 5
Parasol - Used in a drink
Pseudonym - that someone uses to hide his identity
Endeavors - and reduce to ashes
Inclinerates - and reduce to ashes
Feigned - and reduce to ashes

CHAPTER 6
Gable - on the top or side of a building enclosed by the end of a pitched roof
Abalone - a pearly shell used for an ornament
Caduceus - staff carried by Mercury, the messenger of the gods
Pitmal - form of an object
Archetypes - form of an object

CHAPTER 7
Morals - in whose life will eventually come to an end
Mischievous - Sneaky; tricky
Brazier - A simple cooking device placed over hot coals
Laurels - Honors for achievement

CHAPTER 8
Manic - ability emanating from a person
Aura - either a weapon
Alliance - tallop

CHAPTER 9
Repetitions - ed movements
Covered - in fear
Celestial - to the sky or visible heaven
Paranoid - scared of someone
Mementos - der of the past

CHAPTER 10
Drachmas - in coin of ancient Greece
Chauffeur - n who drives someone around
Hyperventilating - breathing very fast, hard to catch one's breath
Enchanted - physical or mental pain

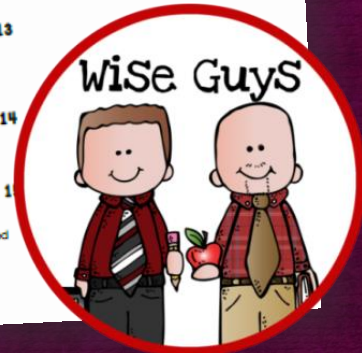
CHAPTER 11
Fattered - e
Glint - unusual
Curio - statues
Statuary - ed
Felp - a low murmuring sound
Mamed - h and rude

CHAPTER 12
Blazing - der and take things
Slivering - ng
Used - and plead with insistence
Lemon - gorge in the earth's surface

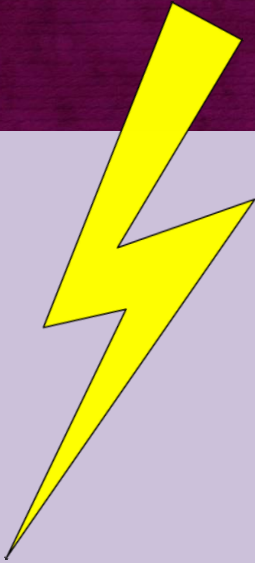
CHAPTER 13
Nately - to one after the other
ing space
of the

CHAPTER 14
Dimensional - something realized
See through - condition of being subject to death
Image of an object - of a sword

CHAPTER 15
Dimensional - metal
See through - e act of offering something to be considered
Image of an object - a road mixed with gravel and crushed rock
by melting away - utter in a low tone



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End of Story Project Choices



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PROJECT CHOICES

Directions: Below are some project choices that you can work on when you are finished reading the story, *Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief*. If you think you have an idea for a project, get your teacher's approval first.

CABIN FOR A GOD

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GODS, TITANS, & CREATURES

The story is loaded with mythological beings and creatures. It is your job to sort through all of these characters and classify them into gods, titans, and creatures. Then choose five of the characters and provide a physical description, a neat and colorful drawing, and a summary of the role each character played in the story.

WANTED POSTER

You will need to create a wanted poster for a character in the story. Your wanted poster must include a physical description of the character, why the character is wanted, a reward, and a picture with a caption.

A JOURNEY ACROSS AMERICA

Percy, Grover, and Annabeth began their quest at Camp Half-Blood. Your job is to plot their quest on a blank United States map. On the map, you must connect the dots of their journey and label the city and state of all of their stops. On the back of the map, write a description as to what occurred at each stop along their journey.

THE NEW LOTUS HOTEL & CASINO

You are the new owner of the Lotus Hotel & Casino. It is your job to never let anyone leave. Your task is to create three new games that children could not resist. Create a room that no one would ever want to leave. Please be descriptive in your game development and in the design of your room. Pictures would be a great way to show what these areas would look like as well.

GAME BOARD

Make up a colorful board game about the story on a larger piece of tag board or construction paper. Your game must contain at least ten events that happened in the story. Your game board must tell the main events of the story.

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