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PERCY JACKSON'S
**GREEK
GODS**

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 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.



PERCY

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.



ANNABETH-GRAMS

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 _____
- Mood _____
- 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

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 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 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?

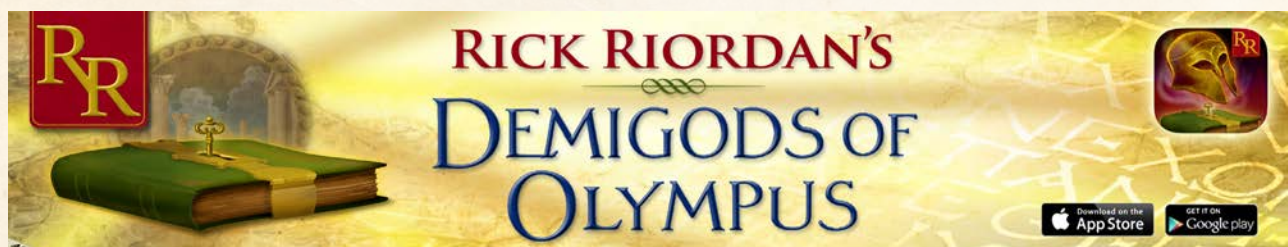
Though the gods and goddesses are immortal and have some awesome powers, in many ways they exhibit personalities very similar to humans. Often we have similar qualities as our parents. Begin by asking: Am I quick-witted? Am I disciplined? Am I a good listener? Check the box next to the traits you think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

STRENGTHS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> sees the big picture | <input type="checkbox"/> physical strength | <input type="checkbox"/> moral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> great memory | <input type="checkbox"/> good listener | <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> quick-witted | <input type="checkbox"/> charismatic | <input type="checkbox"/> intuitive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> disciplined | <input type="checkbox"/> laid-back | <input type="checkbox"/> loving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hard-working | <input type="checkbox"/> hand-to-hand combat | |



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!

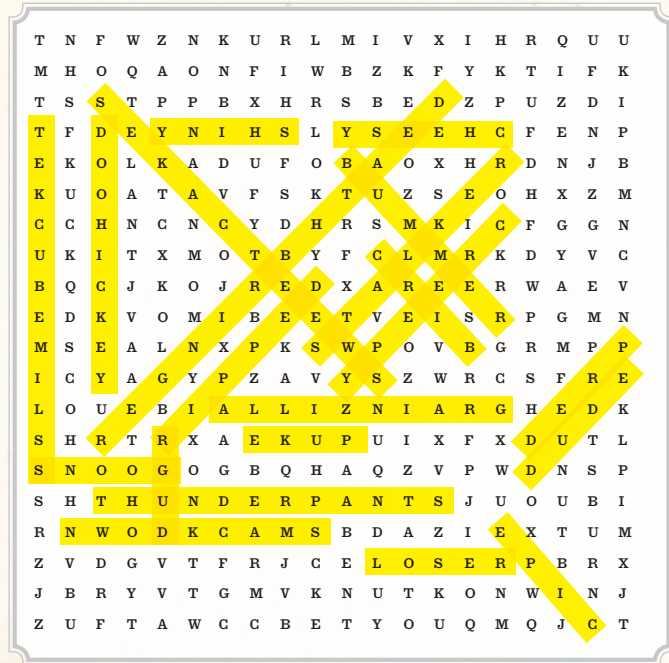


ANSWER KEY

ANNABETH-GRAMS

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 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



GET YOUR GREEK ON!

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Kronos | 11. Cyclopes |
| 2. Ichor | 12. Hermes |
| 3. Nectar | 13. Tartarus |
| 4. The Oracle of Delphi | 14. Dryad |
| 5. A Scythe | 15. The Donkey |
| 6. Mount Ida | 16. The Olive Tree |
| 7. Earthshaker | 17. The Wild Boar |
| 8. Hippocampi | 18. Cupid |
| 9. Helios | 19. Demeter |
| 10. The Gorgons | 20. Dionysus |



POSEIDON