

Heroes and Monsters

Week 7 • Tuesday • Heracles and the Great Quests

Reading Time

Greek myths were full of brave **heroes** who went on amazing adventures called **quests**. The most famous hero was **Heracles** (you might know his Roman name, Hercules). He was the strongest man in the world!

Heracles had to finish twelve almost-impossible jobs called the **Twelve Labors**. He wrestled a lion with skin no sword could cut. He battled the Hydra, a swamp monster with many snake heads — and every time one head was cut off, two grew back! He even had to clean a giant stable in a single day, which he did by moving a whole river through it.

Other heroes had quests too: Perseus faced Medusa, whose gaze turned people to stone, and clever Odysseus sailed for ten years trying to get home. Greek heroes teach us that courage and clever thinking can beat even the biggest problems.

Reading Questions

1. Who was the strongest hero in Greek myths?

2. What happened when a Hydra head was cut off?

3. How did Heracles clean the giant stable in one day?

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ Heracles had to finish twelve hard labors.
- ☐ The Hydra grew two new heads when one was cut off.
- ☐ Heracles cleaned the stable with a tiny broom.
- ☐ Medusa's gaze turned people to stone.
- ☐ Odysseus sailed for ten years trying to get home.
- ☐ Greek heroes solved problems with courage and clever thinking.

Fill in the Blanks

Heracles quest Hydra labors hero

1. A brave person in a myth is called a _____.
2. A hero's big adventure is called a _____.
3. _____ was the strongest man in the world.
4. He had to finish twelve difficult _____.
5. The _____ was a monster with many snake heads.

Design Your Own Labor

Pretend YOU are a Greek hero. Invent a 13th labor for Heracles!

Think of a monster or an impossible job, then write and draw how the hero could beat it with strength OR clever thinking.

Write Your Labor

1. My 13th labor is... (describe the monster or job and how the hero wins)

Draw It!

Draw your hero facing your invented monster or challenge.

