

Practice with Words from Classical Mythology

Worksheet B

Name _____

Directions: Write in the answers as you go along, two questions per word. Remember that words often change their meaning over time: a word that originally meant something bad might mean something good today, and vice versa.

1. Plato, a famous Greek teacher, named his school after a generous host named _____.
2. Plato's students were called "academics," and today our word "academic" means _____.
3. According to one story, Achilles was invulnerable except for his heel. Why wasn't his heel protected like the rest of his body? (Use your own words.)

4. If your doctor says you have injured your Achilles tendon, which of these will you probably need as you recover?
A. A sling
B. Crutches
C. A back brace
D. A collar around your neck
5. What happened to the men who heard the Sirens sing (except for Orpheus and Odysseus)?

6. A modern siren would not have the body of a bird, but how might she be like the original sirens?

7. It was hard for Zeus and the Olympians to defeat the Titans because the Titans were so _____.
8. Which of the following words does NOT mean the same thing as our modern word "titanic"?
A. colossal
B. huge
C. minuscule
D. gargantuan

9. The ancient Zelus was the personification or symbolic embodiment of the concept of zeal. What is zeal?

10. Complete this analogy: Zeal is to painting your face in your team's colors as _____.

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| A. courage is to running away | C. joy is to looking the other way |
| B. anger is to raising your voice | D. fatigue is to exercising |