

Practice with Words from Classical Mythology

Group A

Name _____

Directions: Write in the answers as you go along. 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. How did Atlas try to trick Hercules? (Use your own words.)

2. Which of the following might cause you to use an atlas?

A. buying apples	C. planning a vacation trip
B. weightlifting	D. playing a practical joke

3. According to the ancient Greeks, where did Calypso live?

4. Modern Calypso music comes originally from where? (Be specific.)

5. The Roman goddess Flora was in charge of what?

6. Why do you suppose the Floralia was held in the spring instead of in autumn?

7. Which of the following phrases best describes the Greek character Mentor?

A. a good role model	C. a funny comedian
B. a sneaky spy	D. a great warrior

8. When Stephen King calls someone “a mentor,” do you think he means he trusts the person or that he followed his example? Why do you think that?

9. If people still believed in the Roman gods today, which of these workers would most likely worship Vulcan?
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| A. a lawyer | C. a truck driver |
| B. a welder | D. a soccer coach |
10. What happens during a volcano's eruption that might remind people of Vulcan and his forge?
