

Quick Check

The Labors of Hercules

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which word best describes Hera?
 - Ⓐ intelligent
 - Ⓑ happy
 - Ⓒ funny
 - Ⓓ unforgiving
2. Why did Hercules need to use restraint and prudence when capturing the Ceryneian Hind?
 - Ⓐ The Ceryneian Hind was very dangerous and violent.
 - Ⓑ The Ceryneian Hind guarded the entrance to the Underworld.
 - Ⓒ The Ceryneian Hind was the goddess Artemis's favorite pet.
 - Ⓓ The Ceryneian Hind had to hold the weight of the world on its shoulders.
3. Which of the following is an example that proves this story is a myth?
 - Ⓐ Hercules killed his wife and child.
 - Ⓑ Hercules bore the weight of the world.
 - Ⓒ Hercules traveled to many lands.
 - Ⓓ Hercules had a second marriage.
4. How are Hera and Artemis similar?
 - Ⓐ They are both goddesses.
 - Ⓑ They are both daughters of Zeus.
 - Ⓒ They both hate Hercules.
 - Ⓓ They are both unforgiving and angry.

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5. Read this sentence: *By completing his final task, Hercules had finally **absolved** himself of his murderous crime.* What does **absolved** mean?
 - Ⓐ accomplished amazing tasks
 - Ⓑ caused to be remembered forever
 - Ⓒ formally pardoned for wrongdoing
 - Ⓓ to give permission and let something happen
6. What is Hercules's problem at the beginning of the story?
 - Ⓐ He has killed a lion and feels regret for being so violent.
 - Ⓑ He has to hold the weight of the world on his shoulders.
 - Ⓒ He has murdered his wife and children and wants to cleanse his spirit.
 - Ⓓ He put on a poisoned cloak and was instantly seized with pain.
7. What caused King Eurystheus to become afraid of Hercules?
 - Ⓐ Hercules threatened to harm King Eurystheus and his family.
 - Ⓑ Hercules performed his labors with superhuman strength and deep courage.
 - Ⓒ Hercules cheated King Eurystheus by getting help completing his labors.
 - Ⓓ Hercules refused to complete his labors unless he was paid.
8. Which of the following is an opinion about Hera?
 - Ⓐ She is a Greek god.
 - Ⓑ She is immortal.
 - Ⓒ She is married to Zeus.
 - Ⓓ She is merciless in her hatred.

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9. How did Hercules solve his problem of getting one of Zeus's golden apples?
 - Ⓐ He tricked Atlas into getting it for him.
 - Ⓑ He killed the lion to get to the apple.
 - Ⓒ He asked Apollo to help him.
 - Ⓓ He killed Hippolyte and took the apple.
10. What is another word for **guile**?
 - Ⓐ cleverness
 - Ⓑ enemy
 - Ⓒ action
 - Ⓓ myth
11. **Extended Response:** If you could go back in time, what would you say to Hera to stop her from seeking revenge on Hercules?
12. **Extended Response:** Do you think Hercules should be known as a hero? Why or why not? Use details from the story to support your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Labors of Hercules*Main Comprehension Skill: Problem and Solution*

1. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
2. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓑ *Identify Genre*
4. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓒ *Problem and Solution*
7. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. Ⓐ *Problem and Solution*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include what the student would say to Hera and how that would stop her from seeking revenge on Hercules.
12. Answers will vary but should include whether or not the student believes Hercules should be considered a hero and details from the story to support his or her answer.