

Quick Check

The Labors of Hercules

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

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| <p>1. Which word best describes Hercules?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ scary Ⓑ mean Ⓒ funny Ⓓ brave <p>2. What causes Hera to be angry with Hercules?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Hercules broke Hera's heart when he asked for a divorce. Ⓑ Hercules killed Hera's daughter when he went into a fit of insanity. Ⓒ Hercules was the child of Hera's husband Zeus, and a mortal woman, Alcmene. Ⓓ Hercules killed the Ceryneian Hind, which was Hera's favorite pet. | <p>3. Which of the following is an example that proves this story is a myth?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Hercules killed his wife and child. Ⓑ Hercules bore the weight of the world. Ⓒ Hercules traveled to many lands. Ⓓ Hercules had a second marriage. <p>4. How are Hercules and Atlas similar?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ They are both tricky. Ⓑ They are both sons of Zeus. Ⓒ They are both on a quest. Ⓓ They are both married. |
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5. Read this sentence: *Hercules faced mythical creatures that had supernatural powers and **immortality***. What does **immortality** mean?
 - Ⓐ lasting or occurring for a limited amount of time
 - Ⓑ difficult physical work or the workers that do the work
 - Ⓒ the state of living or being remembered forever
 - Ⓓ amazing actions or accomplishments
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 causes King Eurystheus to increase Hercules's labors from ten to twelve?
 - Ⓐ He learns that Hercules cheated on two of his labors.
 - Ⓑ He learns that Hercules received payment for two of his labors.
 - Ⓒ He learns that Hercules received help from Apollo on two of his labors.
 - Ⓓ He learns that Hercules did not finish two of his labors on time.
8. Which of the following is an opinion about Hercules?
 - Ⓐ He is a Greek hero.
 - Ⓑ He is an immortal.
 - Ⓒ He is Zeus's son.
 - Ⓓ He is a great man.
9. How did Hercules solve his problem of catching the Ceryneian Hind?
 - Ⓐ He threw a net over it.
 - Ⓑ He killed it with his hands.
 - Ⓒ He asked Apollo to help him.
 - Ⓓ He got the hind from Atlas.

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10. What is another word for *feats*?

- Ⓐ accomplishments
- Ⓑ positions
- Ⓒ columns
- Ⓓ woods

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

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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.