

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 Atlas?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ scary Ⓑ mean Ⓒ funny Ⓓ tired <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 Hera and Artemis similar?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ 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: *Grief stricken, he pleaded to the god Apollo to grant him **absolution**.* What does **absolution** mean?
 - Ⓐ cleverness
 - Ⓑ immortality
 - Ⓒ forgiveness
 - Ⓓ accomplishments
6. What is Hercules's problem at the end of the story?
 - Ⓐ He has to hold the weight of the world on his shoulders.
 - Ⓑ He has killed the Ceryneian Hind and feels regret.
 - Ⓒ He put on a poisoned cloak and was seized with pain.
 - Ⓓ He was attacked by snakes put in his bed by Hera.
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 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 **ingenuity**?
 - Ⓐ cleverness
 - Ⓑ forgiveness
 - Ⓒ 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**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.