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⚡ Welcome to the Percy Jackson Mythology Bee!

On February 12th, *Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief* arrives in theaters nationwide, bringing the adventures of Percy and his friends to the silver screen! In anticipation, please find enclosed the **Percy Jackson Mythology Bee Event Kit**.

This kit should contain everything you need to host your own Percy Jackson Mythology Bee, including several rounds of Greek mythology questions to truly test your skills! What a great way to celebrate the knowledge of the runaway hit fantasy series Percy Jackson & the Olympians.

Best of luck with the Percy Jackson Mythology Bee. May the goddess of wisdom be with you!

Enjoy!

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOSTING

A PERCY JACKSON MYTHOLOGY BEE

Welcome to the Percy Jackson Mythology Bee, and thank you for participating! This bee has been designed to be fun for all Percy fans. Please become familiar with the simple rules below which will allow for a smoothly run bee.

RULES

Moderator: please review these rules with the participants.

IMPORTANT RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

This competition requires a moderator and two judges. Prior to the competition, the moderator must review the following rules. Once the event begins, the moderator will ask the questions. The judges will determine if the answer given by the participant is correct or incorrect.

The Percy Jackson Mythology Bee contains up to **3** rounds.

The moderator will announce the question. The participant is not allowed to ask the moderator or judges any information on the question, except for the spelling of an answer in the multiple choice rounds (Round Three only is not multiple choice). If a participant asks for a question to be repeated, the question and answer choices may be repeated one time. The participant is allowed 30 seconds to provide her/his choice of the answer.

If a participant answers the question correctly, he/she remains standing for another turn; if not, he/she leaves the competition at the end of a given turn, along with all other participants who have missed questions. In any case, each question is asked only once. If an answer given is incorrect, the judges will provide the correct answer. The next participant will be given a new question. If all participants miss their questions during a given turn, all remain standing for the next turn.

The moderator of the competition will decide when to move on to Round Two, depending upon the amount of time available and the number of participants remaining in Round One (in other words, if there are 17 participants remaining after the first turn of Round One, there must be at least 17 questions remaining for another go at Round One). The same is true for Round Two; Round Three is the final round.



ORAL MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS - FIRST ROUND

25 QUESTIONS

Welcome to the Percy Jackson Mythology Bee! (The moderator will here review the rules of the contest with the participants, which are found on page 3 of this document).

1. He was raised by the magical goat Amalthea on the island of Crete; after eating and drinking from the cornucopia, he was eventually returned to his father, soon after which he rejoined his brothers and sisters.

- A. Poseidon
- B. Zeus
- C. Hades
- D. Hermes

2. He stole fire from Zeus, and taught its secrets to Phoroneus.

- A. Aeneas
- B. Epimetheus
- C. Prometheus
- D. Chiron

3. She was the twin sister of Zeus and was beguiled into becoming his wife when Zeus transformed himself into her favorite bird, the cuckoo.

- A. Hera
- B. Demeter
- C. Alcmene
- D. Artemis

4. He was thrown off Mt. Olympus twice, once by his disappointed mother, Hera, and once by his incensed father, Zeus; in this way he became crippled and hunchbacked.

- A. Ares
- B. Apollo
- C. Hebe
- D. Hephaestus

5. She was the mother of the goddess of spring, who was also the Queen of the Underworld; her name in Greek means "Barley-Mother."

- A. Artemis
- B. Hera
- C. Athena
- D. Demeter

6. His primary weapon was the trident; as lord of the sea, the half-horse, half-fish hippocampi pulled his sea chariot, and his son Triton announced his arrival by blowing on a conch shell.

- A. Zeus
- B. Poseidon
- C. Hades
- D. Pirithous

7. This goddess of love and beauty's symbols are the rose and the hand mirror; she is usually considered to be either the daughter of Zeus or the daughter of Uranus, the grandfather of Zeus, thus making her Zeus's aunt.

- A. Hestia
- B. Aphrodite
- C. Artemis
- D. Urania

8. This god's symbols are the shield and spear; the moons of the planet that bear his Roman namesake are Phobos and Deimos.

- A. Perseus
- B. Theseus
- C. Ares
- D. Poseidon

9. He was brother to both Poseidon and Zeus, husband to Persephone, and drew the short straw in the competition between himself and his two ultimately more powerful brothers.

- A. Hades
- B. Hecate
- C. Hyperion
- D. Hephaestus

10. She was the merciless and cold goddess of the moon, the hunt, and chastity; her twin brother was Apollo.

- A. Arethusa
- B. Artemis
- C. Glauce
- D. Athena

11. This mythological winged horse was born from the severed head of Medusa.

- A. Arion
- B. Chiron
- C. Bucephalus
- D. Pegasus

12. These creatures, fauns to Romans, were envisioned as being half-man and half-goat; they loved to chase nymphs through the woods.

- A. centaurs
- B. satyrs
- C. hippogriffs
- D. naiads



13. This was the favorite food of the gods.

- A. nectar
- B. twinkied poptarts
- C. ambrosia
- D. ichor

14. Which of the Olympians chose never to set foot on Mt. Olympus?

- A. Aphrodite
- B. Athena
- C. Poseidon
- D. Hades

15. One day a fierce boar killed Adonis, the handsomest mortal to have ever lived, and who was much loved by Aphrodite. Who was this boar really, having transformed himself because he was insanely jealous?

- A. Zeus
- B. Hephaestus
- C. Ares
- D. Hermes

16. Chiron was this type of mythological beast.

- A. satyr
- B. centaur
- C. Gorgon
- D. teacher or librarian

17. Who ferried the dead across a river in the Underworld if they gave him the proper payment, a coin or obol, which the Greeks always placed under a dead person's tongue when given a proper burial?

- A. Acheron
- B. Achelous
- C. Charon
- D. Cerberus

18. One day Zeus had a splitting headache, so he called upon Hephaestus to literally split open his head since it hurt so bad. Who, to his surprise, sprung fully armored from his head?

- A. Artemis
- B. Athena
- C. Dionysus
- D. Iris

19. This son of Zeus and Maia was not only the patron of travelers, but also the god of thieves and merchants; he carried a magical wand called the caduceus, today often mistakenly used as a medical symbol, and also accompanied those having just died as a guide to their descent into the Underworld.

- A. Pan
- B. Silenus
- C. Hermes
- D. Tisiphone

20. This sorceress changed the men of Odysseus into pigs, although later she recanted and turned them back into men when Odysseus tricked her.

- A. Sycorax
- B. Medea
- C. Selene
- D. Circe

21. Which of the following was Apollo not the god of?

- A. civilization
- B. law
- C. prophecy
- D. weather

22. What was the primary weapon of Zeus, which he used during the war between the gods and the Titans?

- A. a trident
- B. a conch shell
- C. lightning
- D. a magical spear

23. This Olympian god made golden mechanical women and twenty 3-legged tables with golden wheels that ran by themselves to help him in his smithy as he made weapons and armor for the gods and heroes. Who was he?

- A. Apollo
- B. Hephaestus
- C. Kronos
- D. Ares

24. Which gorgeous goddess was born from the foam of the sea, and is the subject of a beautiful painting by Botticelli in which she is seen standing on an upturned scallop shell riding the ocean waves?

- A. Amphitrite
- B. Aphrodite
- C. Athena
- D. Nike

25. This Titan was so impossibly huge that not only did his head touch the stars themselves, but his hands, once stretched out, touched both the East and the West; his gargantuan size enabled him to defeat the mighty Zeus himself.

- A. Briareus
- B. Kronos
- C. Typhon
- D. Laocoon



ANSWER KEY

FIRST ROUND OF PERCY JACKSON MYTHOLGY BEE

1. B Zeus
2. C Prometheus
3. A Hera
4. D Hephaestus
5. D Demeter
6. B Poseidon
7. B Aphrodite
8. C Ares
9. A Hades
10. B Artemis
11. D Pegasus
12. B satyrs
13. C ambrosia
14. D Hades
15. C Ares
16. B Centaur
17. C Charon
18. B Athena
19. C Hermes
20. D Circe
21. D weather
22. C lightning
23. B Hephaestus
24. B Aphrodite
25. C Typhon



ORAL MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS - SECOND ROUND

25 QUESTIONS

Welcome to Round Two of the Percy Jackson Mythology Bee! In this round you will have only three answers to choose from, but the questions are more difficult. Congratulations for getting past Round One, and may Fortuna be with you!

1. Which giant, whose parents were Poseidon and Gaia, and who ate lions for food, did Heracles defeat by holding him up in the air and strangling him?

- A. Otus
- B. Antaeus
- C. Ephialtes

2. Who was not a child of Poseidon?

- A. Polyphemus
- B. Medusa
- C. Jason

3. Who gave Zeus his lightning bolts, Poseidon his trident, and Hades his Helm of Darkness?

- A. The Hecatoncheires
- B. The Cyclopes
- C. The gods themselves fashioned them

4. Who was not a child of Zeus and Hera?

- A. Ares
- B. Hebe
- C. Apollo

5. Which monster was not a child of Typhon and Echidna?

- A. Stheno
- B. Nemean Lion
- C. Cerberus

6. Her Roman name was Aurora; she fell in love with Orion, causing Artemis to shoot Orion in unwarranted jealousy, after which he was placed in the stars as a common winter constellation.

- A. Eos
- B. Europa
- C. Erato

7. Which is the correct list of the magical items of Perseus which he carried on his quest to slay Medusa?

- A. Magical wallet; mirrored shield; extremely sharp sword; winged shoes.
- B. Magical wallet; mirrored shield; extremely sharp sword; winged shoes; Helm of Invisibility.
- C. Magical wallet; mirrored shield; extremely sharp sword.

8. Athena accidentally killed her very best mortal friend by casting a spear that skewered her; in agony over her friend's death, she put that friend's name in front of her own. What was that name?

- A. Pallas
- B. Pelias
- C. Palladium

9. Apollo's best friend was Hyacinthus. Someone else also wanted to be his best friend, so he caused a spear cast by Apollo to hit Hyacinthus and kill him. In his grief, Apollo made a new flower, the hyacinth, to grow from his dead friend's blood. Who caused the death of Hyacinthus?

- A. Zephyrus
- B. Boreas
- C. Notus

10. Zeus turned Io into a white cow because Hera suspected that he was in love with her. Whom did Hera place as a guardian over that white cow?

- A. A very attentive bull
- B. Argus Panoptes
- C. Hermes

11. To whom was Zeus not both mother and father?

- A. Dionysus
- B. Athena
- C. Echo

12. At one point during the adventures of the Argonauts, the Argo had to pass between two sheer cliffs that smashed anything that passed between them by clashing together, much like Chewbacca and Luke in *Star Wars* were almost made into very flat people by a gargantuan garbage compactor. What was the Greek name of the clashing rocks?

- A. Symplegades
- B. Synpetrons
- C. Consaxa

13. The oracle at Delphi was sacred to the god of prophecy, Apollo. To which god was the oracle at Dodona sacred, where the seers listened to winds blowing through the leaves of great oak trees in order to interpret the future?

- A. Kronos
- B. Zeus
- C. Artemis



14. Ladon was a huge one-hundred-headed serpent that guarded the famed golden apples (three of which tricked Atalanta into losing her race against Hippomenes) of Hera, which she had received from Gaia as a wedding present. These daughters of Atlas were also present in the garden.

- A. Hypsilophodons
- B. Hesperides
- C. Moirae

15. In the story of Perseus, which king of the isle of Seriphos tricked Perseus into going after the head of Medusa by pretending to get married to Hippodameia?

- A. Polydeuces
- B. Polydectes
- C. Polyhedron

16. On which mountain range was Prometheus chained, during which horrific time his liver was daily pecked out by a griffon for 30, 1000, or 30,000 years, and later was saved from this dire punishment by Heracles?

- A. Apennines
- B. Elbrian
- C. Caucasus

17. Which of the following two are Gorgons, sisters to Medusa?

- A. Enyo, Pemphreido
- B. Aegle, Hespere
- C. Stheno, Euryale

18. Which of the following group of three are the Erinyes (Furies), dwellers in the Underworld with serpents for hair, heads of dogs, and wings like bats, who most especially punished those guilty of parricide and perjury?

- A. Allecto, Tisiphone, Megaera
- B. Euterpe, Melpomene, Thalia
- C. Clotho, Lachesis, Atropos

19. One day King Midas was out in his beautiful rose garden in the kingdom of Phrygia, when all of a sudden he heard an anguished groaning coming from under one of his rosebushes. Whom did he find there?

- A. Dionysus
- B. Silenus
- C. Pan

20. Dionysus told King Midas to go and bathe here, a place which would take away the terrible curse of transmuting everything he touched to gold.

- A. Mediterranean Sea
- B. The River Pactolus
- C. The Aegean Sea

21. On his return home from killing the Minotaur, Theseus unkindly stranded Ariadne, who had procured the golden thread from Daedalus, on an island. On what island did he abandon her?

- A. Crete
- B. Cyprus
- C. Naxos

22. What two items that his father, Aegeus, had left for him, did Theseus, when he had come of age, find under a large boulder that his mother Aethra, showed him?

- A. helmet and sword
- B. sandals and sword
- C. sword and shield

23. What was the name of the robber in the myth of Theseus who kicked unwary travelers off of a cliff after he asked them to help him tie his sandal, and who would be subsequently eaten by a giant, man-eating turtle that would cough up any of the travelers' treasure to the unscrupulous robber?

- A. Sinis
- B. Sciron
- C. Procrustes

24. The Graeae were very wise but very peculiar old women who shared one eye and one tooth; after Perseus stole these from the Graeae, he coerced them into telling him where Medusa lived. What were the names of the three women?

- A. Enyo, Deino, Pemphreido
- B. Euphrosyne, Thalia, Aglaea
- C. Terpsichore, Clio, Polyhymnia

25. These two were the parents of the Muses, 9 demigoddesses of the humanities who presided over the fine arts, and to whom poets and artists often asked for inspiration.

- A. Zeus and Semele
- B. Zeus and Mnemosyne
- C. Poseidon and Arne



ANSWER KEY

SECOND ROUND OF PERCY JACKSON MYTHOLOGY BEE

1. B Antaeus
2. C Jason
3. B The Cyclopes
4. C Apollo
5. A Stheno
6. A Eos
7. B All 5
8. A Pallas
9. A Zephyrus
10. B Argus Panoptes
11. C Echo
12. A Symplegades
13. B Zeus
14. B Hesperides
15. B Polydectes
16. C Caucasus
17. C Stheno, Euryale
18. A Allecto, Tisiphone, Megaera
19. B Silenus
20. B The River Pactolus
21. C Naxos
22. B sandals and sword
23. B Sciron
24. A Enyo, Deino, Pemphredo
25. B Zeus and Mnemosyne



FINAL ROUND OF OPEN ANSWER QUESTIONS

STRAIGHT ANSWER IO QUESTIONS.

Wow! Welcome to Round Three of the Percy Jackson Mythology Bee! Round Three will not be multiple choice, but straight answer. Best of luck to all, and remember to give Greek names!

1. Name the great hunter who Artemis turned into a stag because he saw her in a pool, and was subsequently chased and devoured by his own hunting dogs.
2. Who were the twin brothers of Helen who comprise the constellation of Gemini? They hatched out of an egg, and one of their names means “beaver,” and the other “very sweet.”
3. Who was the mother of Helen, the most beautiful mortal to have ever lived?
4. Which god was the son of Zeus and Maia?
5. Which goddess was the daughter of Zeus and Metis?
6. Which was the River of the Unbreakable Oath in the Underworld, and into which Achilles was dipped by Thetis?
7. This is the river across which Charon ferried the dead for the price of a coin.
8. This was the River of Fire in the Underworld.
9. This god of healing’s or medicine’s rod is properly used as the medical symbol; it has only one snake entwining about a staff.
10. Who was bound to a flaming and spinning wheel in the Underworld?



ANSWER KEY

FINAL ROUND OF PERCY JACKSON MYTHOLOGY BEE

1. Actaeon
2. Castor and Polydeuces
(also acceptable: Castor and Pollux)
(also acceptable: the Dioscuri)
3. Leda
4. Hermes
5. Athena
6. Styx
7. Acheron
8. Phlegethon
(also acceptable: Pyriphlegethon)
9. Asclepius
10. Ixion



TIEBREAKER CHALLENGE

IN THE HIGHLY UNLIKELY EVENT OF A TIE AFTER ROUND THREE OF THE PERCY JACKSON MYTHOLOGY BEE, THE FOLLOWING QUESTION MAY BE ASKED. THE RESPONSE MUST BE WRITTEN. 5 MINUTES SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE TIED PARTICIPANTS TO ANSWER THE QUESTION.

1. According to Pierre Grimal's *Dictionary of Classical Mythology*, who were the nine Muses, and what were the generally accepted attributes of each?

Judges: 27 points can be awarded for this question, consisting of 1 point for the name of the Muse, 1 point for the correctly spelled name of the Muse, and 1 point for the correct attribute of the Muse. Correct answers are as follows:

Calliope: epic poetry

Urania: astronomy

Terpsichore: dance

Erato: lyric choral poetry

Melpomene: tragedy

Clio: history

Polyhymnia: mime

Euterpe: flute playing

Thalia: comedy

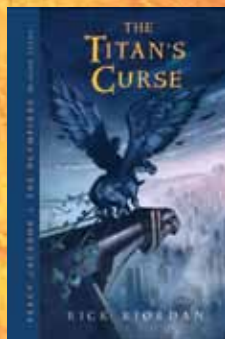




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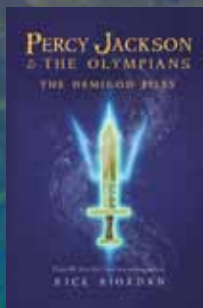
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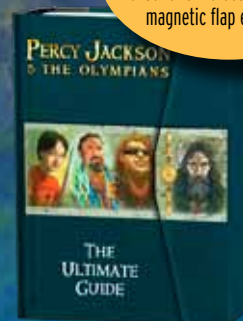


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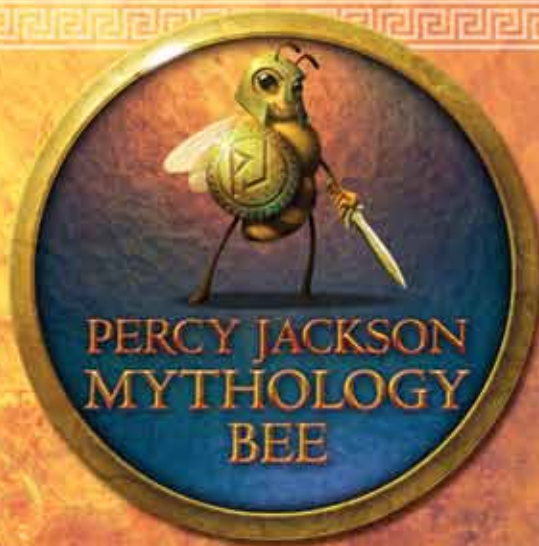
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