

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
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During-reading questions

CHAPTERS ONE, TWO AND THREE

- 1 Because Greece is so beautiful they thought that there must have been gods and fairies looking after everything.
- 2 The humans of the Golden Age all die because no children are born, and the humans of the Silver Age are evil so Zeus locks them up in Tartarus with the Titans.
- 3 *Reader's own answers.*
- 4 Because he wants them to be different to the gods and be able to live independently of them.
- 5 Because Prometheus has given humans the gift of fire, which Zeus has told him not to do.

CHAPTERS FOUR, FIVE AND SIX

- 1 Because Zeus wants to find out what humans of the Bronze Age are really like.
- 2 Because he wants to destroy all the bad humans of the Bronze Age.
- 3 The Age of Heroes includes all the good and honest humans of the Bronze Age, but without all the bad humans that have been killed in the flood. The Age of Heroes also contains the humans created by Deucalion and Pyrrha from the stones of the Earth.
The men of the Age of Heroes are stronger and the women more beautiful than those of the Bronze Age.
- 4 He tricks Typhon and gets Zeus's muscles back from him. He is able to return them to Zeus and make him strong again.
- 5 He goes to Apollo's temple at Delphi and the voice of Apollo tells him where to build it.

- 6 He teaches them how to make wine out of grapes

CHAPTERS SEVEN, EIGHT AND NINE

- 1 He tells him to fetch the head of Medusa the Gorgon knowing that he will probably die trying to do this.
- 2 He takes their one eye and will not give it back until they tell him where they live.
- 3 He uses the head of Medusa to turn the sea monster into stone. Next, they get married.
- 4 Because he thinks that she will be the mother of the great Hero he is searching for.
- 5 Because he wants to punish Hera after she uses her powers to make a baby boy called Eurystheus come into the world before Heracles, and because of a promise made by Zeus, he will rule over the people of Argolis and not Heracles.
- 6 She asks an old man called Tiresias, who is the wisest man in Thebes.
- 7 Vice and Virtue are women who come to Heracles and ask him to follow their path in life. Vice's path is dishonest and lazy, whereas Virtue's is honest and hardworking. Heracles chooses Virtue's path.
- 8 Because he wants to make Hera happy and force her to accept Heracles and stop being unkind to him.
- 9 Because Hera uses her powers to make him mad.

CHAPTERS TEN, ELEVEN AND TWELVE

- 1 Because Heracles has help from Iolchus.
- 2 Seven, but two are not true Labours so five. The other Labour that isn't a true one is cleaning the cow barn for King Augeas because he had done it for pay.
- 3 He wins a fight with Death.
- 4 The Amazons are female warriors. Heracles has to get a belt from their Queen Hippolyta for his next Labour.

- 5 He kills the sea monster that is coming to eat her. He doesn't marry her because he wants to complete his Labours first.
- 6 Because he says that two of his Labours weren't true so he still has two to do.

CHAPTERS THIRTEEN, FOURTEEN AND FIFTEEN

- 1 So that Atlas can go and fetch the Golden Apples from the Garden of Hesperides for him.
- 2 He tricks him by asking him to show him how to hold the sky up correctly.
- 3 It is to go down to the place of Hades and bring back Cerberus, the Hound of Hell. He beats the creature by putting his strong arms around it and closing them tighter and tighter.
- 4 Because Procrustes cuts off their heads and feet to make them fit.
- 5 She gives him a ball of wool so that he can find his way out of the Labyrinth.
- 6 Because Theseus is so full of sorrow because he has lost Ariadne that when he sails into Athens he forgets to put up the white sails and his father thinks that he is dead.
- 7 Because Jason is only wearing one shoe and Pelias has been told that he will be killed by a man wearing one shoe.
- 8 Medea kills her brother Absyrtus and cuts his body into small pieces and throws them into the sea, knowing that King Aeetes will stop to pick up the pieces.

CHAPTERS SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN

- 1 Anyone who hears them forgets everything else, jumps into the sea, and swims to the shore to find them. But when they get there, the evil Sirens kill them.
- 2 Medea makes a magic drink which makes Talos sleepy. Then Poëas fires an arrow which hits the nail in his foot and makes all the ichor come out of his body.

- 3 Because they are unkind to Atalanta, and he loves her.
- 4 He uses the three Golden Apples to make her stop running so he can then overtake her and win the race.

CHAPTERS EIGHTEEN AND NINETEEN

- 1 Telamon's father has helped to build the walls and tells his son where there is a weak part. Here he makes a hole for the group to climb inside.
- 2 She sends a big storm out to sea to destroy his boat. She isn't successful because Zeus wakes up and stops the storm.
- 3 He carries him over the border, and kills him with his great club.
- 4 She turns into a white deer and runs between them, causing them to throw their weapons at each other.
- 5 His body disappears, and he is raised up to Olympus by Zeus and becomes a god.

After-reading questions

- 1 He is searching for the great hero who will save the gods in a great battle with the giants. The hero is Heracles.
- 2 Prometheus tells Zeus about the great hero. In the past Zeus had punished Prometheus because he had given humans fire.
- 3 He completes twelve of the hardest Labours of all for King Eurystheus.
- 4 *Readers' own answers.*
- 5 *Readers' own answers.*

Exercises

CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO

- 1 Cronos asked where the child was.
- 2 The fairy asked why they were making such a loud noise outside her cave.

- 3 Silenus asked what the wonderful music that they could hear was.
- 4 Silenus asked if Hermes had stolen Apollo's cows to make the harp.
- 5 Apollo asked where the two missing cows were.
- 6 Hermes asked why Silenus was so angry with him.

CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

- 2 1 F (Prometheus gave humans the gift of fire.)
- 2 T
- 3 F (Humans used fire to do wonderful things.)
- 4 T
- 5 F (Zeus made Pandora to punish humans.)
- 6 F (The evil things from Pandora's box were taken into the hearts of humans.)
- 7 T
- 8 F (Mother Earth created the Giants, deep in a cave.)

CHAPTERS FIVE AND SIX

- 3 1 Zeus threw a **thunderbolt** at his enemy, Typhon.
- 2 Typhon was a fierce **creature** made by Mother Earth.
- 3 Cronos used a **sickle** to fight Zeus's father, the sky.
- 4 Pan could play beautiful music on his **pipes**.
- 5 A ram with a golden **fleece** carried Phrixus to safety.
- 6 Semele died when she saw that Zeus was a **god**.
- 7 The first creatures to taste wine were the **Satyrs**.
- 8 Dionysus's **last** battle was with King Perseus.

CHAPTERS SEVEN AND EIGHT

- 4 1 f 2 c 3 h 4 d
- 5 a 6 g 7 b 8 e

CHAPTERS NINE AND TEN

- 5 1 b 2 f 3 g 4 c
- 5 d 6 e 7 a

CHAPTERS ELEVEN AND TWELVE

- 6 1 Zeus said that Apollo must **work** (*work*) for a human for one year.
- 2 Admetus's wife gave herself to Death **to save** (*save*) Admetus.
- 3 Heracles had to **fight** (*fight*) Death to save Alcestis.
- 4 Heracles **stole** (*steal*) the man-eating horses of King Diomedes.
- 5 The Amazons were female warriors who knew how to **use** (*use*) weapons.
- 6 King Laomedon promised **to give** (*give*) Heracles some magic white horses.
- 7 Geryon **was** (*be*) an ogre with three heads and six arms.
- 8 Heracles **put up** (*put up*) two stone pillars – one on the coast of Europe and one on the coast of Africa.

CHAPTERS THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN

- 7 1 Where were the Golden Apples?
- 2 Who helped Heracles bring back the Hound of Hell?
- 3 How did Heracles beat/bring back the Hound of Hell?
- 4 Which child was not scared of the lion?
- 5 How old was Theseus when he was able to lift the rock?
- 6 What did the Witch-wife put into Theseus's drink?

CHAPTERS FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN

- 8 1 centaur 2 Argonauts
- 3 Harpies 4 King Phineus
- 5 Sirens 6 Talos
- 7 Ichor

CHAPTERS SEVENTEEN AND EIGHTEEN

- 9 1 Queen Althaea to the Three Fates
- 2 Atalanta to Meleager
- 3 Meleager to the hunting group/Ancaeus
- 4 King Iasus to Atalanta
- 5 Heracles to Telamon and his wife
- 6 Hesione to Heracles
- 7 Goddess Athena to Heracles

CHAPTER NINETEEN

- 10 1 Heracles was a great hero and he saved the gods, **didn't he?**
- 2 The king of the giants, Alcyoneus, was immortal, **wasn't he?**
- 3 The Rock of Nisyros isn't near the island of Crete, **is it?**
- 4 In the end, Heracles couldn't become a god, **could he?**

Project work

Reader's own answers.

Essay questions

Reader's own answers.