

Cross-curricular extension unit 7

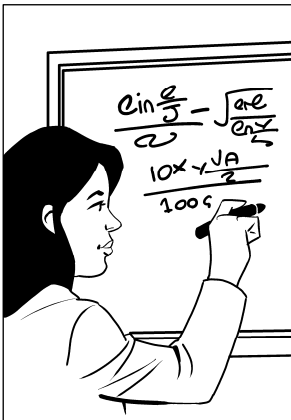
Language and literature: Myths and legends

1 Match the words 1–9 with the definitions a–j.

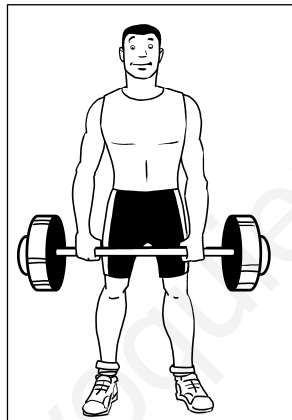
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| 1 goddess | a a daughter of a king and a queen |
| 2 adventure | b Woden, Thor, Zeus, Apollo |
| 3 heroine | c a really special or important boy or man |
| 4 princess | d a ruler of a country (a woman) |
| 5 king | e a very exciting experience |
| 6 myth or legend | f an old, traditional story, often about gods or heroes |
| 7 monster | g a ruler of a country (a man) |
| 8 queen | h a really special or important girl or woman |
| 9 god | i Frigg, Aphrodite, Athena |
| | j an unusual, scary animal, like a snake with two heads! |

2 Heroes and heroines often have special characteristics. Label the pictures with the adjectives in the box.

brave clever fast hard-working kind pretty strong talented



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____



7 _____



8 _____

3 Look at the negative adjectives 1–5. Write the opposites from exercise 2.

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| 1 weak _____ | 3 stupid _____ | 5 ugly _____ |
| 2 lazy _____ | 4 slow _____ | |

- 4 Look at the drawings of three famous heroes and heroines from Greek myths and legends. What characteristics do you think they had? Complete the sentences.



Hercules



Atlanta



Daedalus

- 1 Hercules was _____ and _____.
- 2 Atlanta was _____ and _____.
- 3 Daedalus was _____ and _____.

- 5 Read the text and check your answers to exercise 4.

Greek myths and legends

Hercules

Hercules is a famous Greek hero. He worked for a horrible king. King Eurystheus was weak and lazy, but Hercules was strong and brave.

Eurystheus asked Hercules to do twelve difficult things. Hercules killed dangerous animals, like a lion and some big, ugly birds. These birds liked eating humans! Hercules also hunted the monster Cerberus – a dog with three heads!

Atlanta

Princess Atlanta was very pretty and she was also very good at running. She didn't like any men, because she was faster than all of them!

Melanion loved Atlanta, so he asked the goddess Aphrodite for help. Aphrodite helped him run in a race. In the race, Melanion was faster than Atlanta. After that Atlanta liked Melanion. Melanion was very happy!

Daedalus and Icarus

Daedalus was a clever and talented inventor, but he was a prisoner on the island of Crete. King Minos ruled Crete, and he didn't want Daedalus to leave the island.

Daedalus invented some wings, and he and his son, Icarus, used the wings to escape. Icarus liked his wings and he wanted to fly nearer the sun. His wings melted and he died in the sea. People named the Icarian Sea after him.

- 6 Read the text again. Then answer the questions.

- 1 Who was Icarus? _____
- 2 Who was Eurystheus? _____
- 3 What was Aphrodite? _____
- 4 Who was Minos? _____
- 5 What was Cerberus? _____
- 6 What was Daedalus? _____

- 7 Write about a hero or heroine in a myth or legend. Use these questions to help you.

Paragraph 1: Who was the hero or heroine? What special characteristics did he or she have?

Paragraph 2: What did the hero or heroine do? What was the ending of the myth or legend?