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# MYTHOLOGY

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# WELCOME, HEROES

## YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE

Welcome to the first edition of Arctic Reading Circle. Initially a reading club, it has since transitioned into a magazine to showcase artworks and writing pieces by young readers. Each piece is inspired by a book, in hopes that this can help kids expand their reading lists in a fun and engaging way.

Our theme of the month is Mythology: we were inspired by the fantastical legends of gods and goddesses and tales of heroic journeys. The stories we read were from around the world, with roots in Greek, Scandinavian, Indian, and Korean myths.

We truly hope you enjoy this magazine. Whether it is solving the puzzles created by the team, appreciating the pieces from other enthusiastic readers, or finding your next favourite book, we wish you happy reading!

Sincerely,

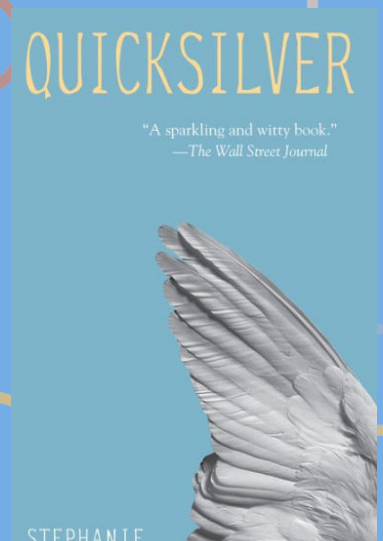
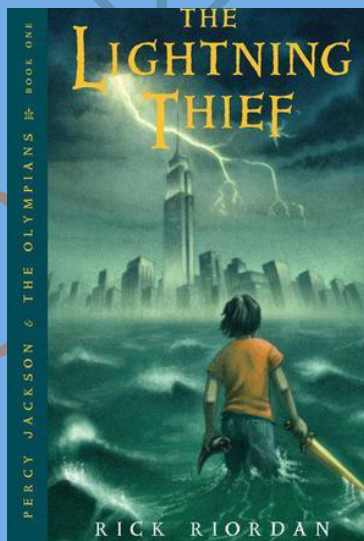
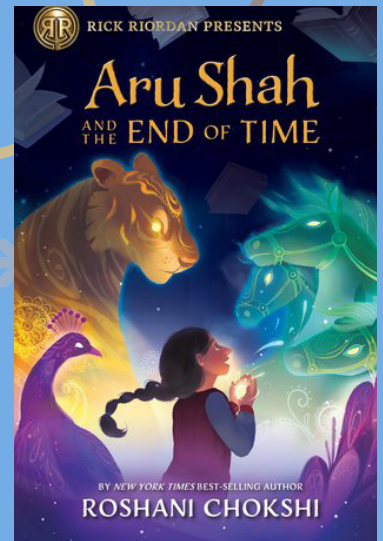
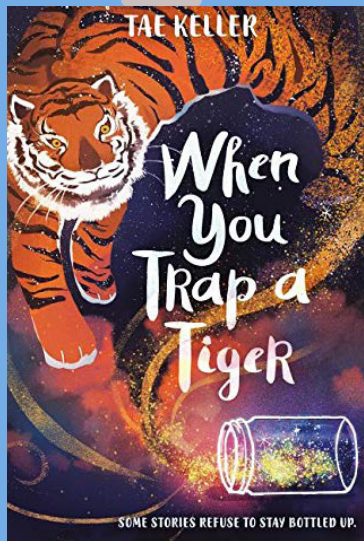
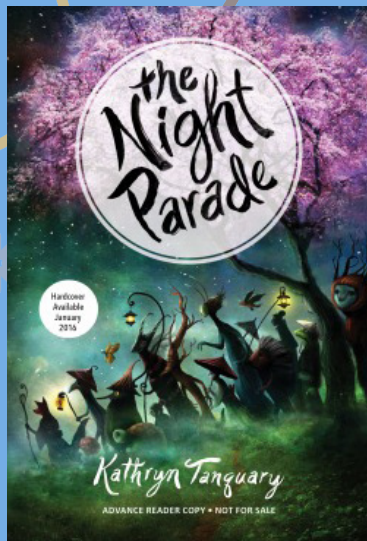
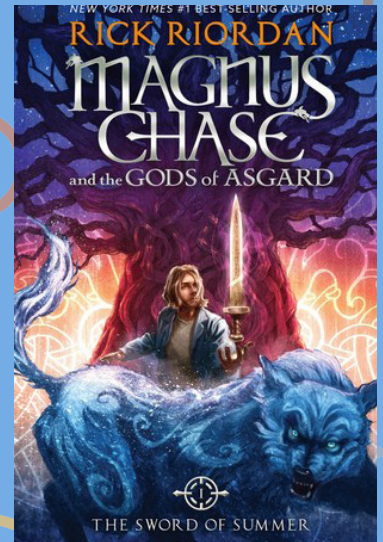
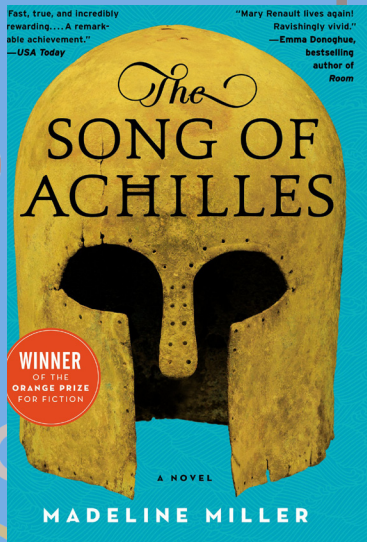
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# BOOKS WE READ



# SPEED

## SUMMARY:

BY DORIS HUANG

# ARU SHAH AND THE END OF TIME

**Aru was very fond of the Museum of Indian Art and Culture.** She had lived there with her mother for her entire life and knew more about the museum than anyone else. However, the one thing that remained a mystery to her was the lamp that her mother had warned her to never light.

However, this all changed one fateful day. Aru had never been popular at school, so she made up a lie to fit in and told the most popular girl at the school that she owned a cursed lamp. When she was told to prove it, Aru knew that she had no choice but to go against her mother's wishes.

Once she lit the lamp, she immediately regretted it. It was said that if someone lights the lamp, it means the world is ending. By lighting the lamp, Aru had let the Sleeper out, a demon that could freeze time and would summon the God of Destruction after nine days.

Aru embarked on a journey to fix her mistake and gained the help of Mini, her soul sister, and a Guardian named Boo. When they meet the gods, they find out that Aru is the soul daughter of Lord Indra and Mini is the soul daughter of Lord Dharma Raja. Then, they are each given a gift to help them get the three keys to the Kingdom of Death where they will have to fight the Sleeper.



The first key, the Spring of Youth, was retrieved by fighting a demon that could burn whatever she touched. The

second key, the Bite of Adulthood, was retrieved in a library, and the third, the Sip of Old Age, was located in a out of bounds potion area.

After arriving at the Kingdom of Death, Aru and her friends passed the Bridge of Forgetting and went to the Chamber of Astras where they were able to gather some weapons. They then went to the Pool of the Past where Aru learned that the Sleeper was her biological father, and that her mother had trapped him in the lamp because she had loved him too much to kill him.

However, Aru knew that she still had to fight him. She summoned him at the museum and the Sleeper arrived with a group of demons that had blood-soaked teeth and sharpened horns. To counter them, Aru called upon the animals she had saved earlier at the

library, and along with her and Mini, they were able to defeat all the other demons, except the Sleeper. Unfortunately, just as she was about to strike the Sleeper with her lightning bolt, he disappeared.



# SUN AND MOON

## **If not all heroes were born heroes, then not all monsters were born monsters.**

Long ago, there were ten suns. As offsprings of Dijun, the emperor of the heavens, the ten suns took the form of ten firebirds. However, there was only one sky for them to share. So their father resolved that every day, early in the morning, one of them would rise up and fly around the earth to bring warmth to the people. They agreed to the conditions, alternating every day. But quickly, these firebirds got bored.

“Why not fly together?” one asked. With that, they rose up and flew.

The suns flew around the earth one time, two times, and then three. They flew together, not realizing the destruction that lie beneath their path. Their heat combined was so powerful that it scorched the land; lakes and ponds were dried up, crops and trees grew shriveled, humans and animals cowered in shelters. Seeing the destruction brought on by his sons, Dijun tried to

stop them, only to be ignored. Helpless, he went to Hou Yi for help.

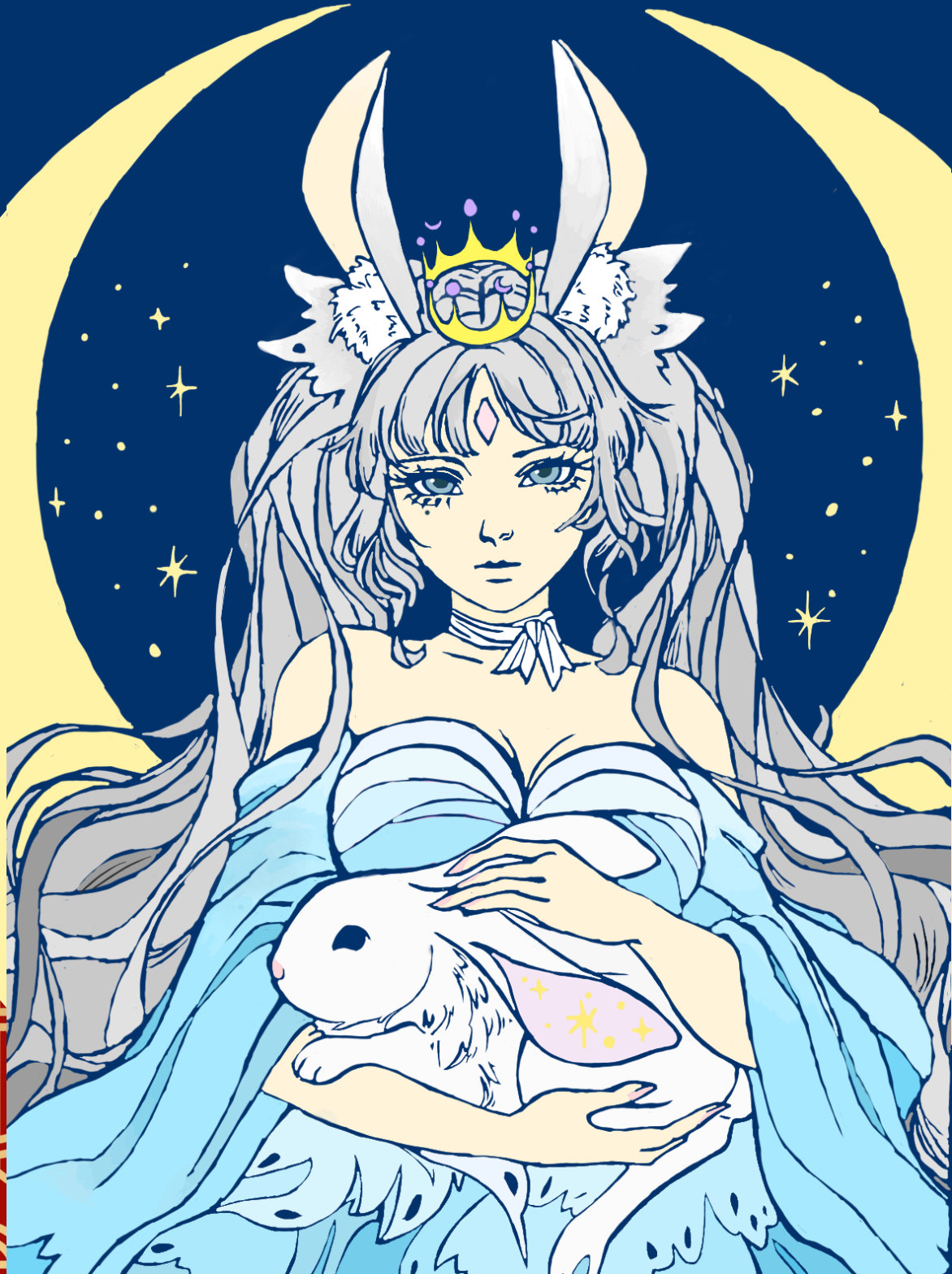
Hou Yi was a talented archer that lived next to Kunlun Mountain. Dijun came to Hou Yi with a red bow and ten white slim arrows. He asked Hou Yi to stop his sons' mischief. The next day, Hou Yi and his wife, Chang'e set out to Kunlun Mountain. On their way up, they came across starving villagers and sickly children, who rushed to Hou Yi and begged him to help stop this drought. Immediately, Hou Yi sympathized with them.

Finally, when he reached the peak of the mountain, Hou Yi watched the suns flying above. He called out to the suns, but in response, they laughed at him and mocked him for his brazenness. Outraged, he pulled out his first arrow and shot at the closest sun. One by one, he shot them down. One by one, the birds exploded into fireballs and scattered across the sky. At last, there was one arrow left; he shot down all but one sun so that it would remain in the sky to keep the earth warm.

Slowly, the earth recovered. The land was covered with grass again and the lakes regained their water. When he came down from the

# THE LEGEND OF CHANG'E AND HOU YI

BY JENNIFER LIANG



# THE LEGEND OF CHANG'E AND HOU YI

peak, the villagers made him their king. And as a gift for his brave deed, Dijun gave Hou Yi an elixir to make him immortal.

However, Hou Yi decided not to drink it just yet, for fear of leaving his wife behind. Instead, he placed it in a golden box and gave it to Chang'e. He told her to never open the box, and to watch over it for him while he was away.

For a month, he went hunting with his students. Every night, Chang'e would check the little box. Her fingers caressed the lid, but she quickly pulled away before her temptation took over. The days turned into weeks. Curiosity burned and burned inside her until one day, she couldn't help but open the box.

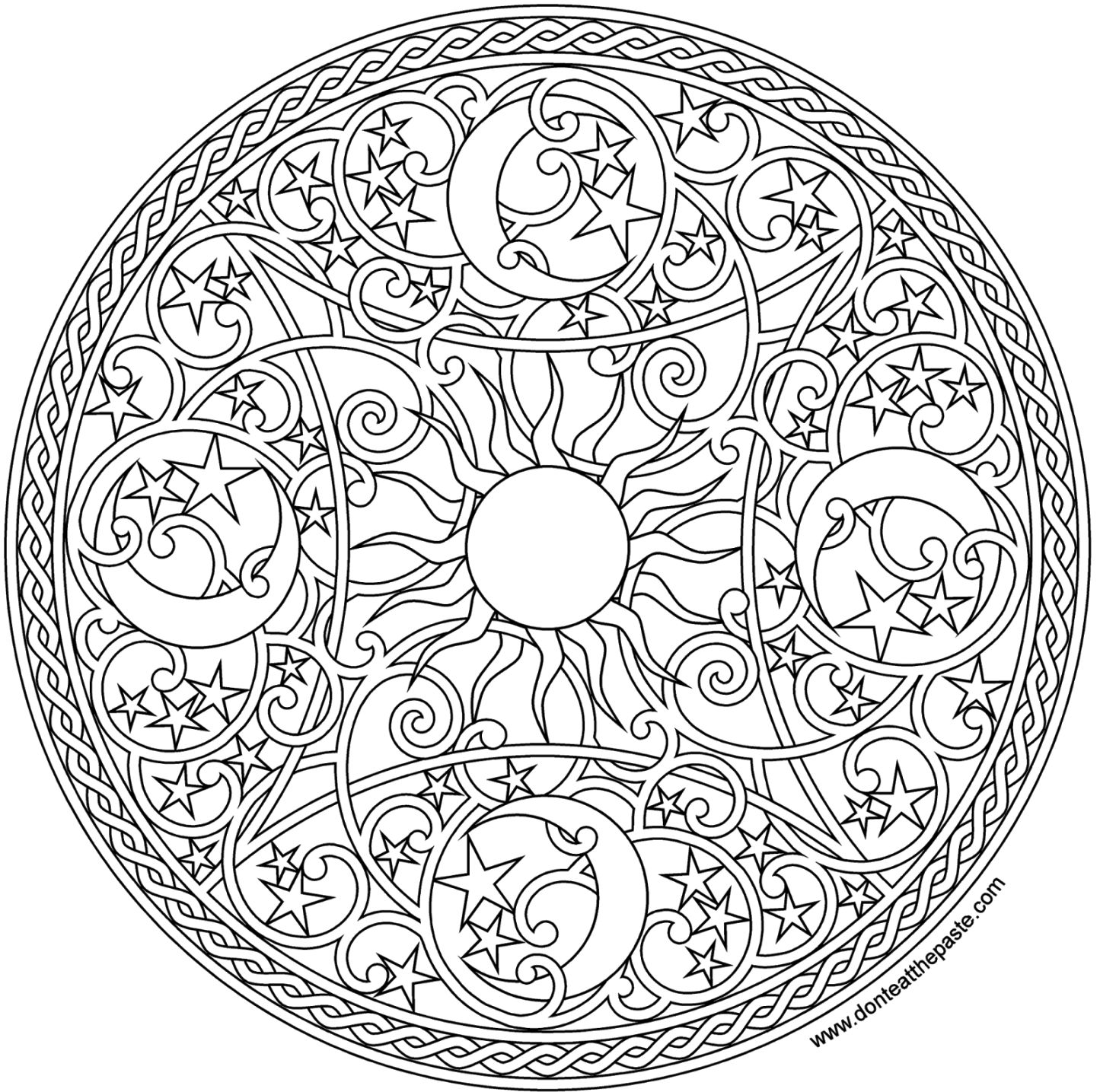
Inside was the glowing elixir. But quickly after grasping the elixir, she heard her husband at the door, back from his month-long trip. Panicking, she drank the entire potion. She felt her limbs grow weightless and she began to lift off the floor. She cried out to Hou Yi, who watched helplessly as Chang'e flew out of the window and rose higher and higher in the sky. She flew above Kunlun mountain, above the heavens, until she reached the moon.

Chang'e was immortal and alone. Hou Yi, from below, began to weep. He stayed in solitude in his house as bitterness started growing inside him. Every night it grew a little until when he finally stopped weeping for his loss, the bitterness had consumed him. It transformed him from a hero loved by his people into a merciless tyrant. As all the good deeds he had done were forgotten, Hou Yi was loved no more.

One late evening, Feng Meng, challenged Hou Yi to an archery contest. Although he was Hou Yi's greatest student Feng could not surpass his master. Hou Yi won insulted Feng for daring to challenge him. Enraged, Feng shot and killed his master.

As Hou Yi died, his spirit rose up to the sun where he built his new palace. On the other side of the earth, Chang'e remained on the moon. That was where Hou Yi and Chang'e resided for the rest of eternity, forever separated, forever known as the yin and yang of each other.

# CELESTIAL COLOURING PAGE



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“The Red Pyramid” is an action/fantasy book that revolves around siblings Carter and Sadie Kane. Their father is a famous archaeologist and historian who travels around the world, and their mother died a long time ago. After her death, Carter was taken into his father’s care, while Sadie was left with their grandparents. Because their grandparents and father hate each other, Carter is only allowed to visit Sadie twice a year. When their father gets kidnapped in a museum by the Egyptian god Set, they’re forced to go on a journey to save him and stop Set’s plan to destroy the world.

Along the way, they learn magic, Egyptian spells, and more about their background.

I liked this book because it had the perfect balance of humour, action, and craziness. Rick Riordan **carefully placed touches of comic relief and moments of the ‘calm before the storm’** when the characters weren’t in an action scene. “The Red Pyramid” is followed by two other books and also has multiple crossover books with Riordan’s Percy Jackson series. Overall, this is a great book, and I hope you will enjoy it as well!

**-Ethan Cui**



# RIODAN REVIEWS

## THE RED PYRAMID

The Red Pyramid, the first book in The Kane Chronicles trilogy by Rick Riordan, weaves together Egyptian mythology, adventure, and humor to create a **fast-paced story that appeals to readers of all ages.**

The two protagonists, siblings Carter and Sadie Kane, have spent most of their lives apart ever since their mother's death years ago. But on their yearly Christmas Eve reunion, their lives are changed forever when their father brings them to visit the British Museum. In an attempt to summon the Egyptian god Osiris and resurrect their mother, he blows up the Rosetta Stone and releases four other gods. One of them is the evil god Set who banishes their father to the Underworld. After the incident, Carter and Sadie are brought to their family mansion in America by their uncle Amos where they eventually learn the truth about their heritage.

One of the biggest reasons why I liked this book was because it was filled with action-packed scenes. The author's descriptive language helped me visualize these scenes better and, as a result, I was able to stay more immersed in the overall story.

I also really enjoyed how the point of view alternated between Carter and

Sadie every few chapters because it helped me gain some insight into their unique personalities. While Carter was a smart character who often stayed calm and collected in most situations, Sadie was reckless and headstrong. The contrasting perspectives were able to highlight their ability to work together as a solid team, despite being so different. I thought their relationship as siblings was also portrayed very realistically because, although they bickered a lot, Carter and Sadie still had each other's backs in the end.

Another thing that I enjoyed about this book was the many positive messages that the author included, such as the importance of teamwork, which was mainly shown through Carter and Sadie's dynamic. There was also an overarching theme of sacrifice, whether it was Carter and Sadie's mother giving up her life to prevent Apophis' escape or the two siblings themselves putting their lives in danger to save their father.

Overall, The Red Pyramid was a book that taught me a lot about Egyptian Mythology, while also immersing me in an action-packed adventure filled with fascinating characters and humorous moments. I highly recommend it to readers of all ages, especially those who have read Percy Jackson and other books by Rick Riordan.

**-Jason Mak**

## Elpenor's Story - Bill Yan

*So that our families back home will know what happened, I thought. So that the men to come will remember us. And, so that we will not be forgotten in the pages of history...*

We entered the house, walking past walls decorated with skillfully embroidered tapestries, and sat down around a long wooden table laden with food. Soon, we were gorging ourselves on the spiced meats, cheeses, and heady wine, becoming lost in our frivolity. Sometime during the meal, when our laughter had turned particularly boisterous, the woman stood up and whispered something under her breath. I knew something was wrong as soon as the words left her lips.

Panicking, I grabbed my knife, but it fell out of my hands and onto the floor with a loud clang. To my horror, I realized that my hands had turned into hooves. I looked around desperately, but what I saw only fueled my fear: all of us had been transformed into pigs. Circe's laugh cut through our grunts and squeals of alarm. "I've turned you into pigs because, after all, isn't that what all men are inside?"

**TO BE CONTINUED...**



## The Evil One - Kathleen Wu

Eva woke up with a headache. She was lying down in a musty-smelling room that was dimly lit by a few torches. She shook from the cold, realizing that her clothes were soaked.

"The sacrifice awakens," a foreign voice said. "Begin the ceremony."

As if on cue, dozens of black cloaked figures with silver masks stepped from the shadows. She spotted her father by the scar on his left hand and was shocked to see her mother standing next to him. They slowly stepped towards her, chanting in an unknown language.

Suddenly, a cloaked figure wrenched her from the ground and dragged her towards the altar in the center of the room. Strange marks had been carved into it in maroon ink, and as Eva was strapped down onto the stone pedestal, a faint metallic smell reached her nose. She froze for a moment as she realized that the ink was dried blood. She had not been the first sacrifice.

**TO BE CONTINUED...**



## My Name is Heracles - Derek Chen

Hi, I am Heracles.

Everyone knows that having to deal with parents isn't easy. But it gets super complicated when you have a god for your parent. I was shocked to find out that my dad, Zeus, had had me with a mortal wife, even though he had an immortal one at home on Mount Olympus. If there's one thing I learnt from my miserable life, it's that women can get extremely jealous... and it definitely doesn't help when the jealous person that hates you, is an all-powerful god, and has the power to literally incinerate you with a flick of a finger.

And trust me, that is far from the punishment Hera gave me.

I was having a wonderful day with my wife and kids. My wife was shopping in the agora and my kids were clinging to my legs. They weren't heavy though, so it was only like walking with ankle weights. Right... I probably forgot to mention it, but I'm super strong. Even though I don't look like it, I'm a lot stronger than those bulky people who compete in weight-lifting competitions. When we headed home that day, I finally realized why I was gifted with this superhuman strength.

**TO BE CONTINUED...**



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by scanning the corresponding QR codes

# THE LOST LEGACIES

AN ANCIENT GREEK PLAY BY OLIVER CHEN, LEON ZHENG, AND BRIANA HAN



## CAST

**Hector** - Ancient Greek Warrior

**Silena** - Daughter of Annabeth and Percy

**Annabeth** - Daughter of Athena

## ACT 1 SCENE 1

**Hector:** Just to make this clear -- after reading a bunch of textbooks and whatnot, I'm pretty sure that it's weird for two teenagers to wake up, only to notice that everyone else has disappeared. Therefore, I think that my sister Silena and I, Hector, children of the demigods Percy Jackson and Annabeth Chase, surely deserve an explanation of what happened, as well as an apology too.

Let's go way back to when it all started.

*Hector sighs.*

**Hector:** This is going to be a long story, isn't it?

**Exit Hector**

**(Lights Off)**

## ACT 1 SCENE 2

**Enter Hector**

**Hector:** Let's go back to when everything started. So, I wake up, heat my pop-tart, and realize that mom and dad are gone. I pause for a second, worrying that there's trouble.

*Hector runs to Silena's room and pounds on the door.*

**Silena:** Can you please knock nicely on the door next time, goldfish brain?

**Hector:** I wouldn't have come here if it wasn't an emergency!

*Hector paces nervously on the tattered "WELCOME" doorstep.*

**Silena:** (muttering) Well, it is not like you ever need me.

*Silena swings the polished door open.*

**Enter Silena**

*Hector enters the room and sits on the bed beside Silena.*

**Hector:** I think mom and dad are at camp. You might want to call them since they've been out for a long time.

*Silena sighs.*

**Silena:** Fine, I'll call them. Go distract yourself with a pop tart or something.

**Hector:** (embarrassed) I already ate one.

*Silena gets up and heads towards the living room.*

**Hector:** (under his breath) It's not my fault that you're moody all the time.

*Silena dials Annabeth's number.*

**Silena:** Hey, mom.

**Annabeth:** (from far off) Hello? Oh, Silena! What's wrong?

**Silena:** Nothing, just wanted to check on you guys. Why are you taking so long?

**Annabeth:** Oh, honey... dad and I are at a meeting right now. We'll be back in half an hour.

**Silena:** At camp? Is Chiron there?

**Annabeth:** Yes, he's going to come back with us to talk to you about something important.

*Silena's eyes widen in surprise.*

**Silena:** Chiron wants to talk to me?

**Annabeth:** To you and Hector. Don't worry though -- there's no problem.

*Silena sighs in relief.*

**Silena:** Okay, mom. See you then!

**Silena:** Calling my parents was already a big risk since I was pretty much sending up a flare that told the monsters where they were. And generally, when I call my parents, they tend to answer truthfully because they know lies are a danger to us. For some reason though, I felt like they were hiding something from me this time.

**Exit All**

## ACT 1 SCENE 3

**Enter Hector and Silena**

**Hector:** Silena!

**Silena:** What do you want?

**Hector:** We've waited so long and I'm worried. It's also strange that Chiron wanted to talk to us. We should call mom again.

**Silena:** Yeah, I'm worried too.

*Silena dials Annabeth's number three times, but there is no response.*

**Hector:** (worried) Let's go to camp and check on them.

**Exit All**

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# THE LOST LEGACIES

## ACT 1 SCENE 4

### **Enter Hector and Silena**

*The camp is a strange sight with no people there. Hector and Silena walk nervously into the desolate area.*

**Silena:** What happened here?

**Hector:** (alarmed) Silena, look!

*Silena follows Hector's gaze to the Poseidon and Athena Cabins, which are engulfed in flames. She gasps.*

**Silena:** (in shock) This isn't possible -- the magical border...

**The flames erupt, and at that precise moment, the two structures collapse into ashes.**



Find out more about the mysterious disappearances in  
<<The Quarter Gods>>!

# 12 IMPOSSIBLE TASKS OF HERCULES

1. Kill the Nemean Lion
2. Kill the Lernean Hydra
3. Capture the Cerynian Hind
4. Capture the Erymanthian Boar
5. Clean the Augean Stables
6. Kill the Stymphalian Birds
7. Capture the Cretan Bull
8. Capture the Horses of Diomedes
9. Take the Girdle of the Amazon  
Queen Hippolyte
10. Capture the Cattle of Geryon
11. Steal the Golden Apples of the  
Hesperides
12. Capture Cerberus

# GREEK GOD PERSONALITY QUIZ

This is a Greek god personality quiz. Answer the following questions to find out which gods you would get along with the most! Gods are paired into groups for this quiz. Answer each of the questions to the best of your ability and remember that the answers don't necessarily need to apply to you fully! This does not contain all of the greek gods.

**1** If you could raise any two animals for people to admire, which two would they be?

1. Crane and Pig
2. Horse and Vulture
3. Eagle and Swan
4. Donkey and Tortoise
5. Owl and Deer

**2** You have some free time. What do you do?

1. I'd enjoy something nice and peaceful and admire nature's beauty.
2. I'd go settle some scores...
3. I would go on a date or spend some time with friends.
4. I'd spend some time working on a personal project.
5. Great! I'll have some alone time so I'll probably read a book or do some hunting.

**3** You have a lot of homework, but your friends are hosting a party. What do you do?

1. Homework is important so I'll stay at home and do it. Someone else can take my spot at the party.
2. Why do I have to do homework? I guess I'll force someone to do it for me and then go to the party.
3. I would just do the homework. But the party is a must! After all, I'll be the most popular and important person there.
4. I'll find a creative and/or cunning way to finish my homework and then attend the party.
5. I'll do the homework myself. It shouldn't take long so hopefully my schedule will permit me to go to the party.

**4** If someone needed your help, would you lend a hand?

1. Sure, anything to help bring peace.
2. Depends. Maybe if they beg hard enough.
3. I would love to help.
4. Sure. Do you need me to build something?
5. Sure, let's break it down and see what I can do.

# PERSONALITY QUIZ

BY ANDREW WU

**How would those around you describe you?**

1. Peaceful and kind
2. Moody and powerful
3. Popular and hot-headed
4. Creative and cunning
5. Intelligent and logical

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**If you met a genie, what would you wish for?**

1. World peace
2. More power
3. To be more popular and have more friends
4. A showcase for my greatest works
5. Some quiet and peaceful alone time

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**Originally, you were chosen for an award, but now someone else will be receiving it instead. What is your reaction?**

1. I don't mind letting someone else receive the award.
2. What is this nonsense?
3. I'd get a bit jealous but no big deal.
4. Oh alright. Congrats to them!
5. Does not really concern me.



**If you were helping coach a sporting team, what would your role be?**

1. Not too sure. I would probably be in the stands watching to be honest.
2. I would be the one to punish those who make mistakes.
3. I would probably take on the leadership role.
4. I would probably help with equipment or maybe even try to mess with the other team.
5. I would help devise a winning strategy.



Now that you have answered all of the questions, go back and check your answers.

Tally up the times you chose 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5! Check the results table and identify the gods corresponding to the number that you chose the most. They are the gods you would theoretically get along with the best. If there are any ties or if the results are very close, perhaps you would get along with multiple gods! Note: This is just for fun. Please do not take the results seriously. Thank you for participating!

**RESULTS**



# QUIZ RESULTS

1

## **Demeter and Hestia**

You are kind, peaceful and caring.

2

## **Ares and Poseidon**

You are powerful, competitive and quick-tempered.

3

## **Apollo and Zeus**

You are popular, persuasive and hot-headed.

4

## **Hephaestus and Hermes**

You are talented, cunning and creative.

5

## **Artemis and Athena**

You are intelligent, independent and strategic.

# What's your demi-god life like?

BY THE ARCTIC READING  
CIRCLE TEAM

## Your birth month is your godly parent

January - Zeus (Cabin 1)  
February - Poseidon (Cabin 3)  
March - Demeter (Cabin 4)  
April - Ares (Cabin 5)  
May - Athena (Cabin 6)  
June - Apollo (Cabin 7)  
July - Hephaestus (Cabin 9)  
August - Aphrodite (Cabin 10)  
September - Hermes (Cabin 11)  
October - Hades (Cabin 13)  
November - Iris (Cabin 14)  
December - Hypnos (Cabin 15)

## The first letter of your first name is your best friend

A-E - Percy Jackson  
F-L - Annabeth Chase  
M-R - Leo Valdez  
S-Z - Thalia Grace

## The last letter of your last name is who you defeated

A-E - Minotaur  
F-L - Medusa  
M-R - Hydra  
S-Z - Kronos

## Your favourite colour is your sidekick on your quest

Blue - Blackjack (Pegasus)  
Green - Coach Hedge  
Red - Hellhound

Yellow - Festus  
Purple - Nymph  
Pink - Grover

Orange - Tyson (Cyclops)  
Other - Centaur

I am a child of \_\_\_\_\_, best friends with \_\_\_\_\_.

Together, with the help of \_\_\_\_\_, we defeated \_\_\_\_\_.

# SPEED SUMMARY:

## THE LIGHTNING THIEF

BY ROGER AND MELISSA LAI

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief is a Greek/Roman mythology book about a demigod (half human, half god) named Percy Jackson, who is the son of the Poseidon, god of the Sea and brother to Zeus and Hades.

In the book, he was accused of stealing Zeus's master lightning bolt (which allows him to create lightning) and was given two weeks to return it to Mount Olympus. If he failed, Zeus would declare war on Poseidon. In order to prevent this, Percy and his two friends, Annabeth and Grover, embarked on a journey to find Zeus's lightning bolt. Suspecting that Hades (the god of the Underworld) was behind the theft, they headed to his realm.

Percy and his friends encountered many difficult and dangerous obstacles along the way, such as fighting demons, escaping witches, and taming Cerberus, a gigantic three-headed dog. When they finally met Hades, Percy discovered that not only he did not have Zeus's lightning bolt, but he was also missing his helm of darkness. Percy also discovered that the backpack given to them by the god of war, Ares, had Zeus's lightning bolt inside it, and he realized he was framed.

After narrowly escaping the Underworld, Percy tracked down Ares to the Santa Monica Beach. Ares admitted that he stole the helm of darkness and the lightning bolt from the original thief to start a war amongst the "big three": Zeus, Hades, and Poseidon. Percy and Ares then started fighting on the beach, with Percy eventually winning. He then secured and returned the helm of darkness to Hades.

Percy and his friends then took a plane to

the Empire State Building where Mount Olympus was located on the 600th floor. There, he returned the lightning bolt to Zeus and told him what happened. Zeus rewarded Percy by sparing his life.



Upon his return to Camp Half-blood, Percy was treated as a hero. One day, Luke, the camp counselor, told him that he was the original thief that stole the lightning bolt and helm of darkness. Luke reasoned that the gods were poor leaders and needed to be replaced. He was serving Kronos (the king of titans) who was planning to destroy the Olympians. While Percy was in shock, Luke suddenly disappeared, leaving a deadly scorpion to sting Percy. Percy was injured but was saved. When he recovered, he decided to return to Queens, New York, to live with his mom.

In our opinion, Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, is a thrilling book. It has a slow-paced storyline that is filled with many intriguing details about the main characters, the story settings, as well as the exciting adventures. The most amusing part is when Percy and gang survived a near-fatal fight with a snake-like-demon who sold waterbeds for a living. We would strongly recommend this book to avid readers who enjoy Greek/Roman mythology, fantasy and appreciate stories packed with action and adventure.

# GODS AND GODDESSES

# WORDSEARCH

BY OLIVER CHEN

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Anat	Neith
Anubis	Nephthys
Apophis	Nun
Baster	Osiris
Hathor	Ptah
Heka	Renenutet
Horus	Sekhmet
Isis	Set
Khonsu	Sobet
Merit	Thoth



# MUSEUM OF THE ANCIENTS



**Artist:** *Tristan Pan*

**Inspiration:** *Quicksilver*

A picture of Hermes, the god of trade, wealth, luck, fertility, animal husbandry, sleep, language, thieves, and travel, is sending a message to Mount Olympus. In the background is the sun god, Helios, riding his chariot across the sky. Mount Olympus is next to Hermes as well as under the sun god. At the bottom of my picture is the Aegean Sea.



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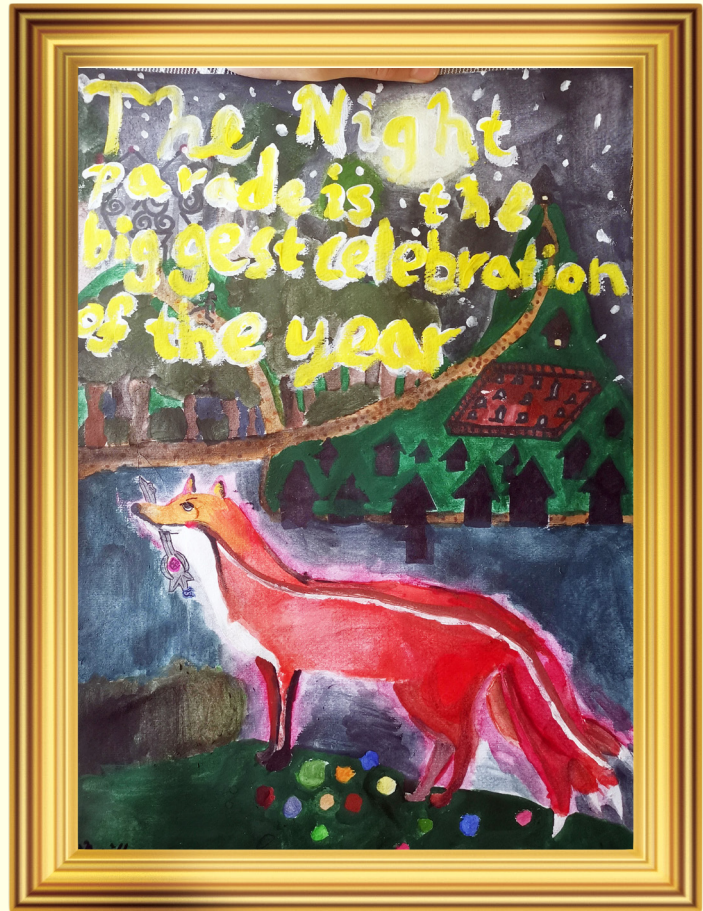
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This is one is a version of the C  
Pab. He is the god of fire, water  
Left: Fire version. Right: Water





Greek God I created called  
er and electricity.  
version.



**Artist:** *Aprille Song*  
**Inspiration:** *The Night Parade*

This art piece is inspired by the she-fox-spirit that betrayed the main character, Saki, in the book. In the mouth, the fox is holding the key that it has stolen. Saki is running down the path to the gate that will lift her curse, put on her by accident.

**Artist:** *Ada Yao*  
**Inspiration:** *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*

My poster was based off the two sides in the series; Kronos (the titan lord) vs. Camp Halfblood. It has Percy Jackson, Annabeth Chase, Grover Underwood, and Tyson the Cyclopes on one side and Luke Castellen, Medusa, the Chimera, the Minotaur, an Empousai, and a Fury.



# MYTHS AROUND THE WORLD

BY CHRISTINA ZHANG



## WHITE BUFFALO WOMAN

Sioux legend. In the story, she appeared dressed in calfskin before 2 men, one good and one evil. The evil man she turned to dust, but to the other, she bestowed upon him the sacred pipe and it's seven rites. To this day, the pipe ceremony is performed in sacred Sioux celebrations - gatherings, marriages, and naming ceremonies.

USA

## ARIANRHOD

Celtic moon goddess. Her name is a combination of the words 'Arian' (Silver) and Rhod (disc). With her silver wheel, she wove the tapestry of life and transported the souls of fallen warriors from one realm into the next.

IRELAND

## HUITZILOPOCHTLI

Aztec god of the sun, war, human sacrifice, and patron of Tenochtitlan, now known as Mexico City. In the creation myth, Huītzilōpōchtli dismembered his sister and brothers to form the moon and constellations. Aztec priests would perform human sacrifices to worship his power and to provide him with sustenance to keep the sun rising every day.

MEXICO

## OSHUN

West African goddess of love, fertility, and freshwater. In one Yoruba myth, 17 (deities) were sent down to repossess her waters, but none except Oshun, the only one who succeeded. From her waters, humanity was born. Every year, the city of Oshogbo in Nigeria holds a festival in her honor.

WEST AFRICA

Explore the myths of 9 gods and goddesses from different cultures, religions, and countries around the world.

## IDUNN

Norse goddess of youth and springtime. Keeper of the magic apples that granted gods their immortality. In myths, when she was kidnapped, she was turned into a nut by Loki in order to escape.

SCANDINAVIA

## MARZANNA

Slavic goddess of winter, death, and pestilence. In parts of Russia and Eastern Europe, there is a festival held every spring to banish her long winter, where a doll in her likeness is burned or drowned.

RUSSIA

## TARA

Tibetan goddess of motherhood, compassion, and liberation. She is believed to have been born from Avalokiteshvara's right eye, when a tear fell down to the Earth. She is typically depicted seated on a lotus, with a third eye.

TIBET

## IZANAGI & IZANAMI

Brother and sister creation deities, the last of seven pairs of gods to emerge after the formation of heaven and earth. By churning the ocean with a jeweled spear, they created Japanese islands. They are also parents to several other Shinto gods, including the sun and the moon.

JAPAN

## KALI

Hindu goddess with a dual nature, wife of Shiva. Known as 'the destroyer', she is a symbol of death and violence, yet simultaneously seen as a figure of femininity, creativity, and motherhood. In artwork, Kali is depicted with blue skin and red eyes, having either 4 or 10 arms.

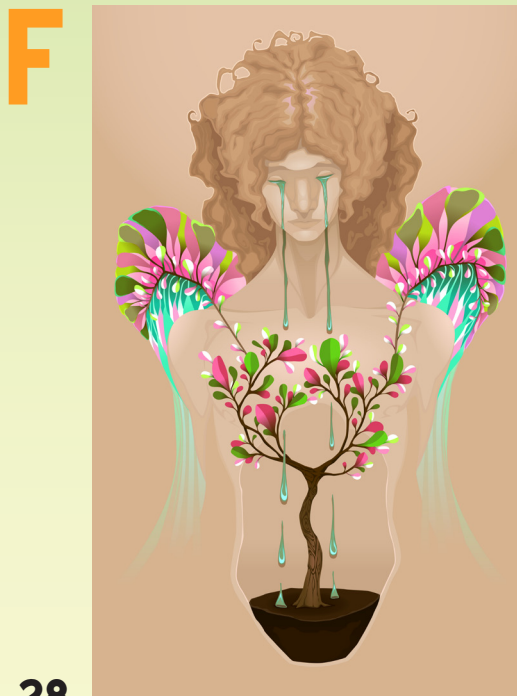
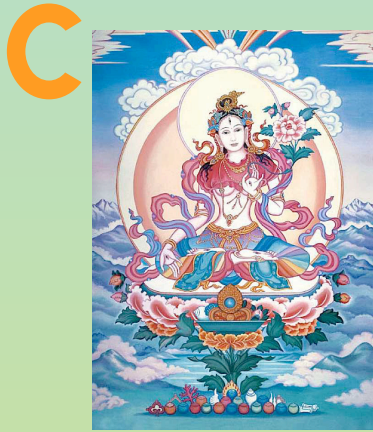
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# MATCHING GAME

BY CHRISTINA ZHANG

Match the god/goddess to their picture! Use the myths on the previous page (pg 26-27) to guide you. Answers are at the bottom of the next page.



1. Idunn
2. Oshun
3. Arianrhod
4. Kali
5. Tara
6. Huitzilopochtli
7. Izanagi
8. Izanami
9. Marzanna
10. White Buffalo Woman





## AQUOTIEN

EGYPTIAN GOD OF RAIN

HIS SWEAT AND TEARS  
CREATE RAIN

TO PRAY TO HIM, THE  
EGYPTIANS TOOK A BUCKET OF  
PURIFIED WATER AND WATCHED  
IT EVAPORATE. THEY TOOK THIS  
AS AQUOTIEN ACCEPTING THEIR  
GIFT



# GOD OF RAIN

By Ethan Cui

This was based off of the Egyptian god Sobek, who controlled the rivers.

## BINGO

Check off everything you found while reading!

By the Arctic Reading Circle Team

## HOW MANY DID YOU GET?

0-5: SQUIRE

6-10: KNIGHT

11-15: HERO

16-20: KING

21-25: MASTER

Magical creatures	Impossible tasks	Resurrection	Character has hidden powers	Near death experience
Travelled to a new country	Underworld	Family secret	Betrayal	Sacrifice
Trickery	Unconventional weapon	FREE SPACE	Saved a friend	Character who is a descendent of a god
Rising from the dead	Feast	Sword fighting	Intelligent sidekick	Revenge
Journey	Talking animal	Reluctant hero	Prophecy/Destiny	Ghost/Spirit

## WANTED



Name: Percy Jackson

Wanted for: Terrorism, destroying New York and Manhattan areas through unknown means

Hair Colour: Black

Eye Colour: Dark Brown

Witnesses saw him wearing a slightly tattered blue-green jacket

Very Dangerous. Do not approach. If seen call 911 or visit the nearest police station.

REWARD:

\$12,000

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PERSON?

Posted by Ethan Cui

Answers  
10-C  
1-F, 2-H, 3-D, 4-A, 5-C, 6-J, 7-B, 8-I, 9-E,

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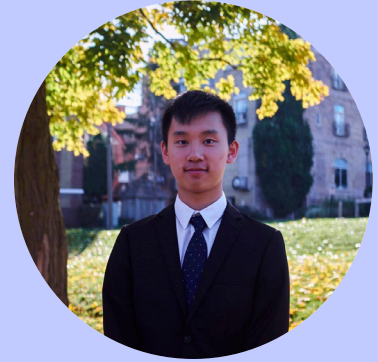
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