

# THE LIGHTNING THIEF

THE PERCY  
JACKSON  
MUSICAL

## ABOUT THE STORY:

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is on the most dangerous quest of his life. With the help of his friends, a satyr and a daughter of Athena, Percy must journey across the US to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction — Zeus' master bolt. Along the way, he must face a host of mythological enemies determined to stop him. Most of all, he must come to terms with a father, Poseidon, a Greek god, he has never known, and an Oracle that has warned him of danger, and betrayal by a friend.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Rick Riordan is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of over twenty novels for young readers, including the *Percy Jackson* series.

For fifteen years, Rick taught English and history at public and private middle schools in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Texas. While teaching in San Antonio, Saint Mary's Hall honored him with the school's first Master Teacher Award.

While teaching full time, Riordan began writing mystery novels for grownups. His *Tres Navarre* series went on to win the top three national awards in the mystery genre – the Edgar, the Anthony and the Shamus. Riordan turned to children's fiction when he started *The Lightning Thief* as a bedtime story for his oldest son.

Today, over 190 million copies of his books are in print worldwide, and rights have been sold into more than 37 countries. Rick and his wife Becky are both executive producers overseeing TV/film adaptations of his works including *Percy Jackson*, *The Kane Chronicles* and *Daughter of the Deep*.

Rick Riordan now writes full-time. He lives in Boston with his wife and two sons.



## **BIG IDEAS**

Identity

Heroism

Family

Friendship

Greek Mythology

What does it mean to be “Normal”?

## **VOCABULARY**

***Greek gods*** It was believed that the family of Greek gods lived in Mount Olympus. They were thought to have special powers, and have control over a different aspects of life.

***Demigods*** Also called “half-bloods” in *The Lightning Thief* are children of a god or goddess and a mortal

***Mount Olympus*** A cloud palace above Mount Olympus where it was believed the gods lived. (Also the highest mountain in Greece)

***Mythology*** A series of stories about the Gods and magical beings.

***ADHD*** Stands for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. People with ADHD have differences in brain development and brain activity that often affect attention, the ability to sit still, and self-control.

***Dyslexia*** A learning disability that affects the way people understand and process words and numbers.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### BEFORE THE SHOW:

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3-8.RL.1, 3-8.RL.2, 3-8.RL.3, 3-8.RL.4, 3-8.RL.5, 3-8.RL.6

(If you have not already read the book as a class, share with them what the story is about.)

- What do you know about Greek Mythology?
- How do the Greek gods and goddesses relate to *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*?
- What traditions do they have at Camp Half Blood? What traditions do you have at school? With your family? With your friends?
- What does it mean to be a hero? What heroes do you have in your life? How have you ever been a hero to someone else?
- What do you think it means to be “Normal”?
- Percy’s mom tells him, “Normal is a myth.” What do you think she means by that?

### AFTER THE SHOW:

3-8.SL.1,3-8.SL.2,3-8.SL.3, 3-8.SL.6

3-8.RL.1, 3-8.RL.2, 3-8.RL.3, 3-8.RL.4, 3-8.RL.5, 3-8.RL.6, 3-8.RL.9

- What was your favorite part the show and why?
- How did the Music help tell the story? What was your favorite song, and why?
- Which character do you relate to the most and why?
- In the play Percy’s mom says “normal is a myth” What do you think she means by that? Do you agree with her? Why or why not?
- How was the staged musical version different than the book? Why do you think the playwright made the choice to make those changes to the story?



## THE CABINS OF CAMP HALF BLOOD

The 12 Olympian gods are Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Demeter, Ares, Athena, Apollo, Artemis, Hephaestus, Aphrodite, Hermes, and Dionysus. These gods all have a regular seat at Mount Olympus and a cabin at Camp Half-Blood. Identify each cabin at Camp Half-Blood based on the image and clues below.



King of the gods, god of the sky, thunder, lightning, & justice



God of travelers, thievery, mischief, and messages



The goddess of women, marriage, and childbirth



God of the sea, horses, earthquakes



Goddess of harvest, grain, and agriculture



Goddess of wisdom, battle strategy, and weaving



God of war, courage, battle lust, and violence



God of prophecy, music, poetry, archery, and healing



Goddess of hunting, the wilderness and wild animals



Goddess of love and beauty

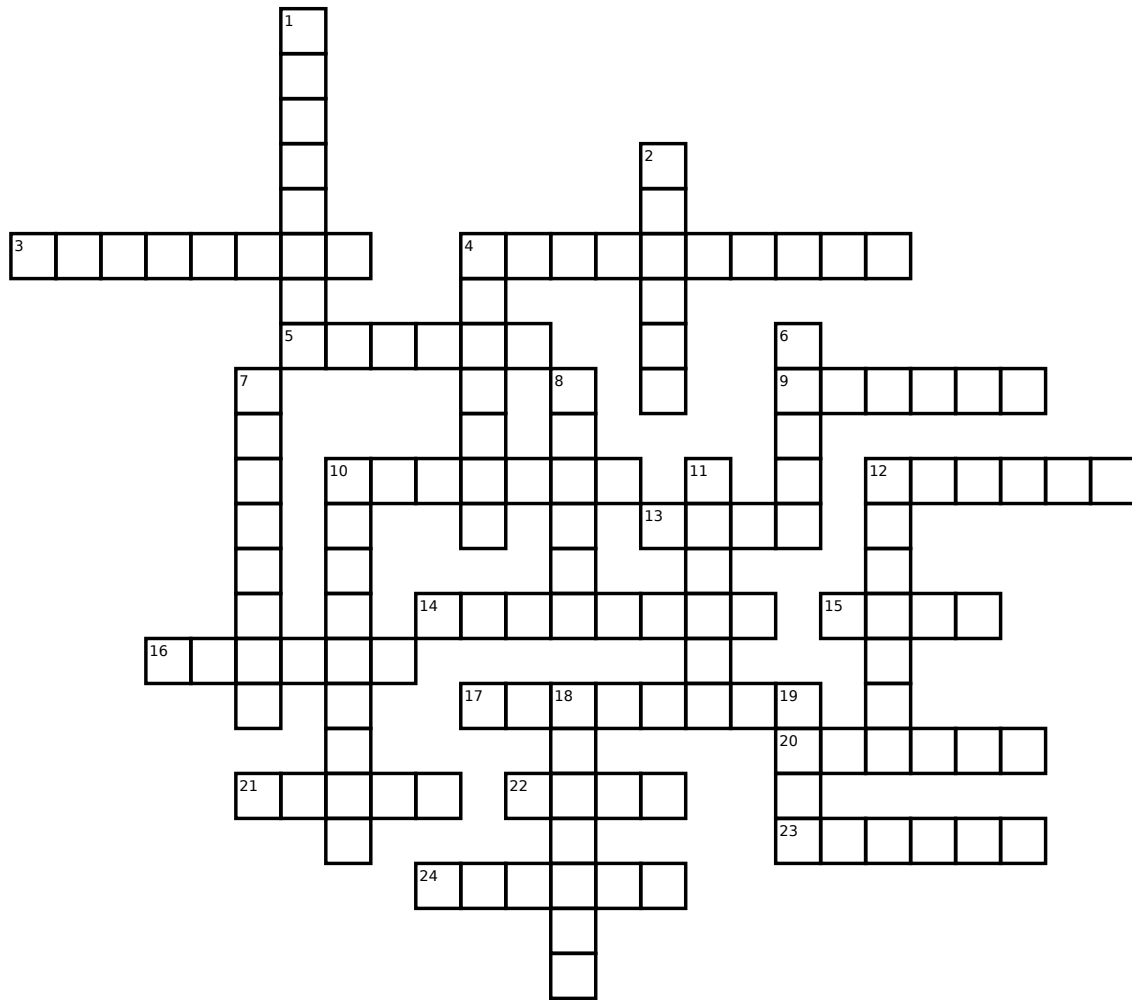


God of the underworld, death, and riches



God of fire, blacksmiths, and technology

# GREEK GODS CROSSWORD



## Across:

3. These creatures are human from the waist up, horse from the waist down.
4. God of fire and blacksmithing.
5. These creatures are human from the waist up, goat from the waist down.
9. Goddess of war, wisdom and useful crafts. The patron goddess of Athens, from whom the city got its name.
10. Goddess of the hunt and the moon.
12. Female spirits of nature that live in trees or forests.
13. Lord of the sky, chief god of the Olympians.
14. The god of wine.
15. Goddess of marriage and motherhood. The wife of Zeus. Her symbols are the cow (the most motherly animal) and the colorful peacock.
16. The Lord of the Titans; he ruled before the gods.
17. The horrible son of Pasiphae, who was half-man, half-bull.
20. The god of merchants, travelers, thieves, and medicine.

21. They control the metaphorical thread of life
22. God of war
23. God of archery, divination and the arts.
24. The Three avenging spirits controlled by Hades.

## Down:

1. The three-headed dog who guards the gates of the Underworld.
2. The ferryman of the dead.
4. Wild, unruly bird-winged maidens
6. The God of the Underworld.
7. God of the sea, Zeus' brother.
8. This immortal centaur was kindly and wise.
10. The goddess of love, who was born from sea foam.
11. Her hair became live snakes, and her gaze could petrify any who looked upon her.
12. Goddess of agriculture, sister of Hera and mother of Persephone
18. Female spirits of the sea.
19. The wife of Kronos, mother of the six first gods.

## BE THE ORACLE

In *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*, the oracle tells Percy:

"You shall go west, and face the god who has turned,  
You shall find what was stolen, and see it safely returned,  
You shall be betrayed by one who calls you a friend,  
And you shall fail to save what matters most, in the end."

After watching the show, what do you think might happen next for Percy? Write a four line poem that tells Percy what he and his friends might expect on his next quest. Then, answer the questions below.

Remember the oracle speaks in riddles and rhyme. Do your best to speak like the Oracle as you make four predictions.

## MY PREDICTION

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What will happen?

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How will the gods be involved?

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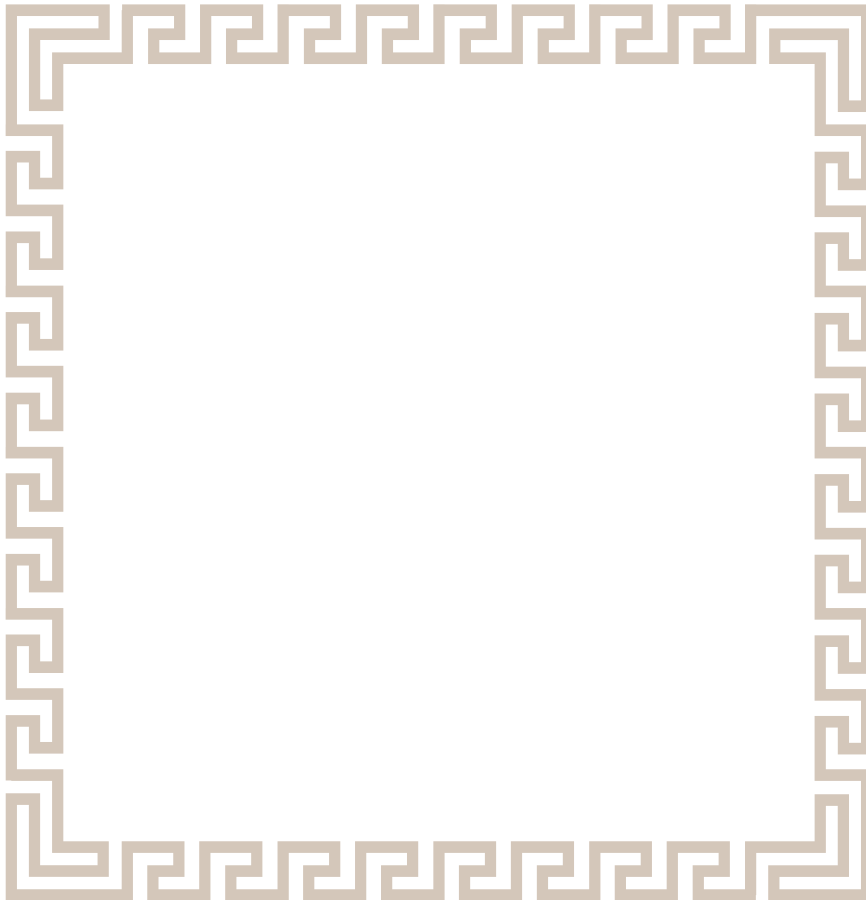
What clues from this story support your predictions?

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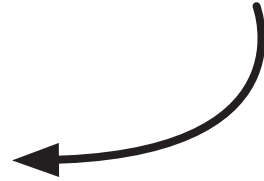
## WHAT IS YOUR SUPER POWER?

Every Demigod or “Half-Blood” (as they are called at Camp Half Blood) has special skills or super powers. Imagine you have just discovered you are a half blood. What camp cabin would you belong to? What special skills might you have?

Draw yourself as a demigod then Write a short biography describing who you are. What god would you be related to? What is your special skill? What is your biggest weakness? How will you use your special skill to help those in need?



**ME AS A HALF BLOOD!**



**I BELONG TO  
THE CABIN OF:**



**MY CABIN'S SYMBOL:**



**MY CHARACTER'S BIOGRAPHY:**

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## A DAY AT CAMP HALF BLOOD

[This is an example of a daily activity schedule at Camp Half-Blood.](#) Based on the half blood you drew yourself as, what would your daily schedule at camp look like? Use the blank schedule below to fill in which activities you'd most like to do. Share and compare with a friend or classmate and explain why you chose these activities.

**8:00 AM** \_\_\_\_\_

**9:00 AM** \_\_\_\_\_

**10:00 AM** \_\_\_\_\_

**11:00 AM** \_\_\_\_\_

**12:00 PM** \_\_\_\_\_

**1:00 PM** *lunch time at the dining pavilion*

**2:00 PM** \_\_\_\_\_

**3:00 PM** \_\_\_\_\_

**4:00 PM** \_\_\_\_\_

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**8:00 PM** \_\_\_\_\_

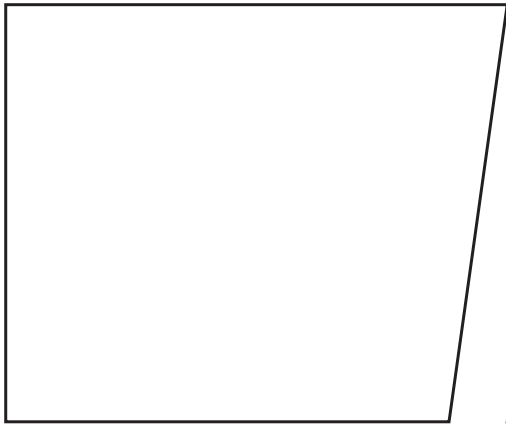
**9:00 PM** \_\_\_\_\_

**10:00 PM** *lights out, time for bed!*

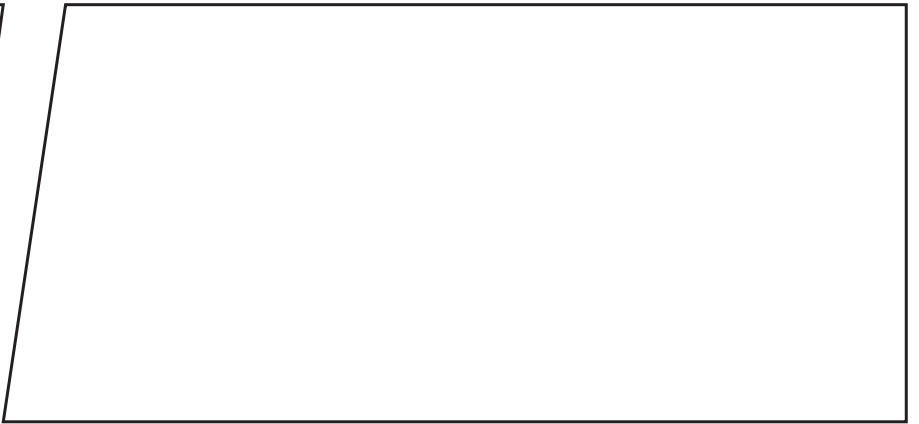


## A GRAPHIC NOVEL FEATURING YOU!

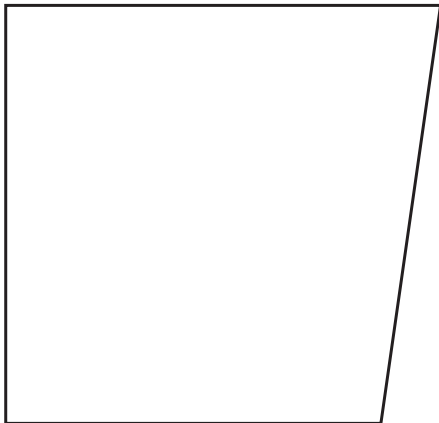
Now that you've drawn yourself as a half blood, create a mini graphic novel featuring yourself as the hero. What monster or villain might you battle? Use the seven panels to draw and tell the story of your journey. You can use "voice balloons" to let us know what the characters are saying and describe the scene below.



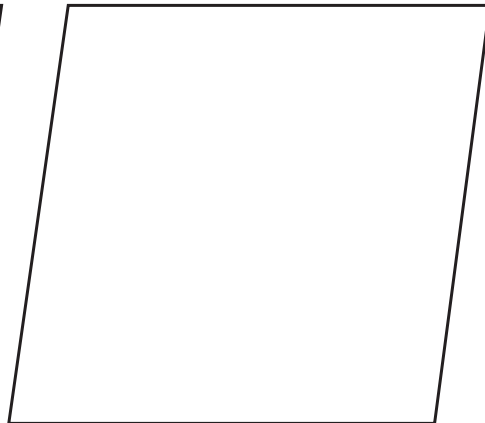
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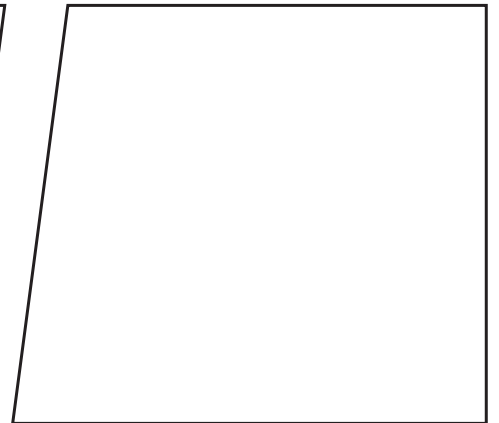
2. And every day...



3. Until one day...



4. Because of that...



5. And because of that...



6. Until finally...



7. Ever since then...