

Chapters 3 and 4

Strategy Focus: Understanding Greek Mythology

In order to understand what you are reading, you will be introduced to some of the Olympian Gods and Goddesses of Greek Mythology.

Hades: King of the Dead; Lord of the Underworld

Like Zeus, Hades is usually represented as a vigorous bearded man. Hades was born to the Great Mother goddess Rhea and Kronos (Father Time) on the island of Crete, along with his brothers Zeus and Poseidon. Hades sprung out of the earth and captured Persephone, dragging her off to be his queen in the Underworld. Her mother Demeter searched for her and stopped all foods from growing until Persephone was returned. Finally, a deal was worked out where Persephone stayed one-third of the year with Hades, one-third of the year serving as a handmaiden to Zeus at Mount Olympus, and one-third with her mother.



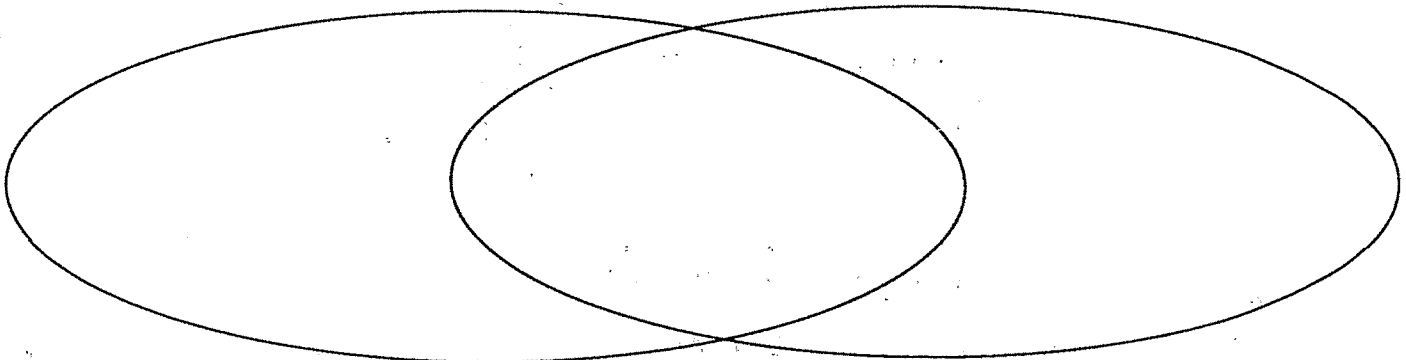
Good readers use background knowledge to better comprehend...

STRATEGY FOCUS: COMPARE AND CONTRAST

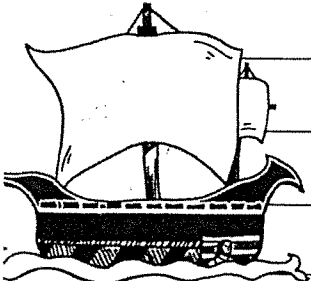
Good readers will compare and contrast ideas while they are reading to help them better comprehend the story. As you learn more about Percy's mom and step-dad, compare and contrast the two. Try to have at least two descriptions in each of the three sections.

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GABE



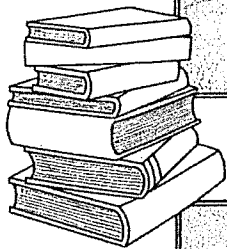
What supposedly happened to Percy's dad?



Why do you think Percy's mom put up with Gabe?

Why was Percy always forced to move as a child? Remember to use evidence from the text when answering the question.

What did Percy discover about Grover at the end of Chapter 3?



<p>Strategy Focus: Extending the Text For this focus, you do not have to write anything down. All you need to do is think about it and be ready to share.</p>
<p>Greek is the language spoken by around 11 million people in Greece and 700,000 people in Cyprus. Can you speak in another language?</p>
<p>Good readers will think about what they are reading...</p>

STRATEGY FOCUS: UNDERSTANDING IMPORTANT DETAILS

Good readers will pay close attention to the important details of what they are reading. Describe the events that happened after the Camaro veered off the road. Be sure to include the characters involved and what happened. Include in your description the words Minotaur, Sally, neck, dissolved, horn, chest, and disintegrated.