



Herculean Effort

~REQUIRING

TREMENDOUS

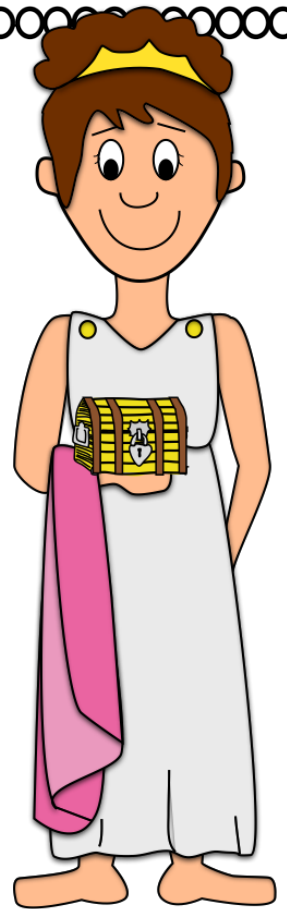
EFFORT AND STRENGTH

Hercules was the son of the Greek god Zeus and a mortal. This made him a demigod. Hercules was very strong, even as a youngster. His strength only increased as he got older. When he became an adult, the gods decided to test him with twelve dangerous and almost impossible tasks: The Twelve Labors. Hercules succeeded in each of these tasks by using his strength, courage, and resourcefulness.

Pandora's

Box

~ TO DO SOMETHING
THAT CAUSES MORE
PROBLEMS



Pandora was a beautiful woman whom the gods blessed with intelligence and curiosity. On her wedding day, the Greek god Zeus gave her an intricately carved box. She was told to keep it safe and to never open it. Eventually, curiosity got the better of Pandora. She opened the box. Out flew all the troubles of the world: evil, vices, and disease. Quickly closing the box, Pandora was able to keep the last of the contents from escaping: hope.



Titan

~BEING OF LARGE
SIZE, STRENGTH,
OR ACHIEVEMENT

According to Greek mythology, Titans were a group of extremely large, powerful gods known as the elder gods. These giants ruled the world until they were overthrown by a race of younger gods, the Olympians.

Medusa

~A VILE, UGLY

WOMAN



Medusa was once a very beautiful girl. Unfortunately, she was extremely proud of her looks and bragged about them to everyone. One day she visited one of the temples dedicated to the goddess Athena. Inside the temple, Medusa boasted that she was more beautiful than Athena. This angered the goddess. She turned Medusa into a hideous monster. Her hair turned to hissing snakes. Her image was so terrible that to look at her would turn a person to stone.



A Siren's Song

**~TEMPTATION THAT
IS HARD TO RESIST, BUT
MAY LEAD TO
BAD CONSEQUENCES**

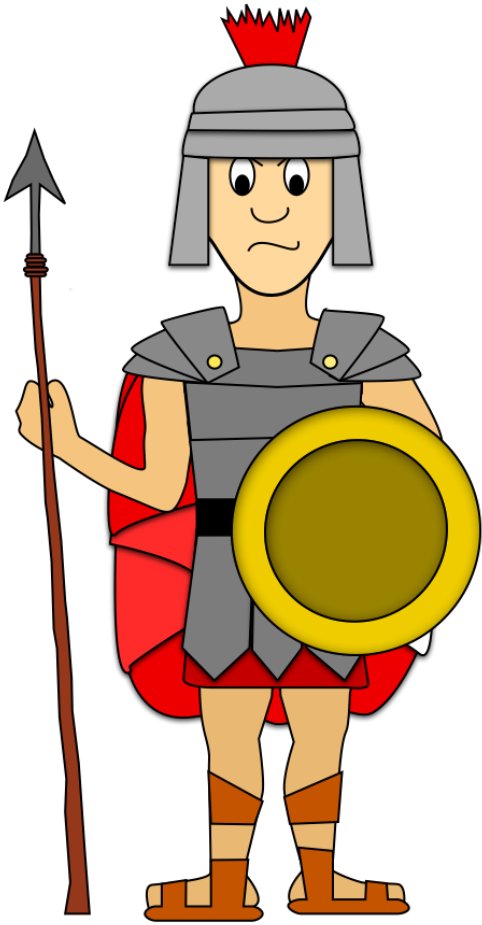
The sirens were dangerous, yet beautiful, creatures. They were said to be half bird, half women who's haunting voices and music would enchant anyone who heard them. According to Greek mythology, the sirens used their voices to lure sailors toward the rocky shore. This caused the destruction of many ships and the death of countless sailors.



Cupid

~ TO PLAY
MATCHMAKER

Cupid, the god of love, was the son of the goddess Venus. He was said to be very handsome with large white wings. When Cupid, also known as Eros, shot his arrow, the victim would fall hopelessly in love with the next person he or she saw.



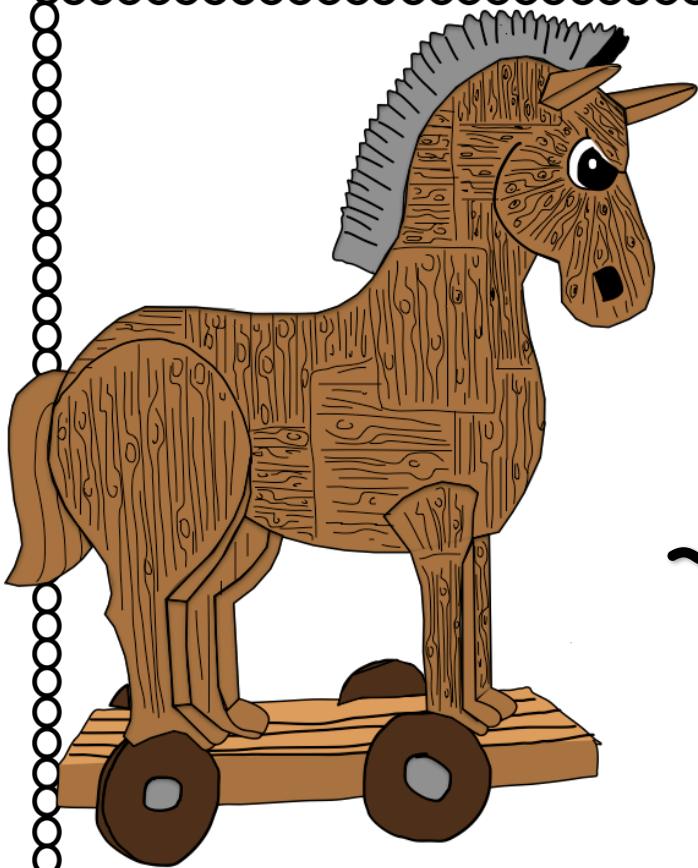
Achilles'

Heel

~A TRAGIC
WEAKNESS OR FLAW

When Achilles was a baby, his mother dipped him into the magical river Styx to make him immortal. Since she held him by the heel, that part of his body did not come into contact with the water and was left vulnerable.

Achilles was the hero of many battles during the Trojan war, but was killed when he was shot in the heel by an arrow.



Trojan Horse

~SOMETHING THAT ISN'T
WHAT IT SEEMS TO BE

The Trojan war raged for 10 years between the Greeks and the people of Troy. A large wall surrounded the city, which made it impossible for the Greeks to get inside. As a last resort, The Greeks built a large, hollow horse to give to the Trojans as a “parting gift”. Inside the horse hid several Greek soldiers. The Greeks placed the horse outside the gates of Troy and pretended to sail away. The people of Troy brought the horse inside and celebrated their “victory”. That night, the soldiers crept from the belly of the horse and opened the gates of Troy, letting in the Greek soldiers and ending the 10 year war.

The Midas

Touch

~TO HAVE GOOD

FORTUNE

IN ALL THAT YOU DO

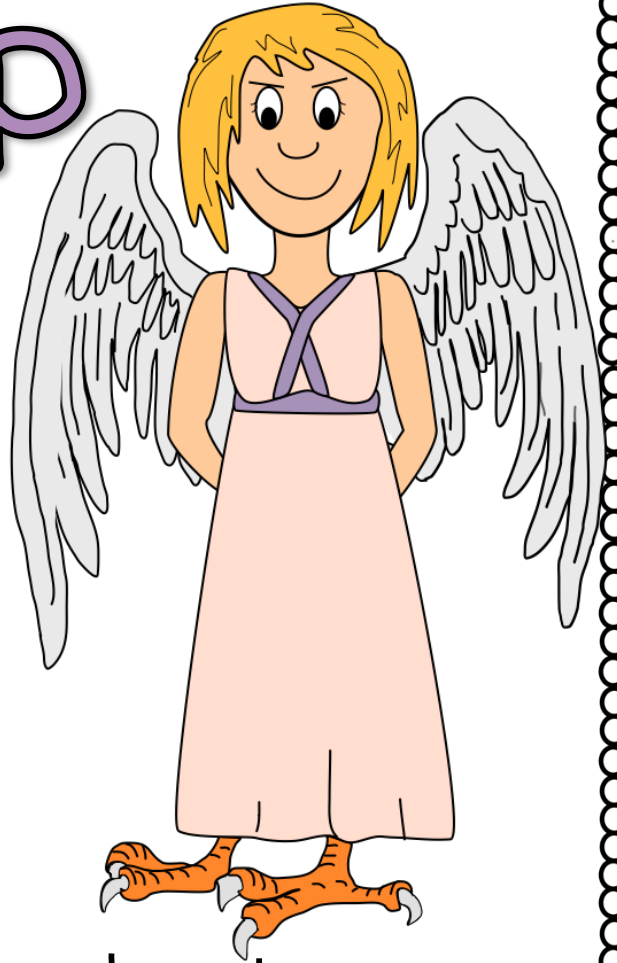


According to Greek mythology, King Midas was granted one wish, that everything he touched would turn to gold. King Midas was overjoyed with his new ability, touching and turning random objects into the precious metal. When he saw his daughter, he was so excited to share his good news that he hugged her and, as a result, turned her into gold.

Overwhelmed with sadness, King Midas realized that the gift he had been given was actually a curse. The god who had granted King Midas his wish heard his pleas for help and took pity on him, reversing the wish.

To Harp

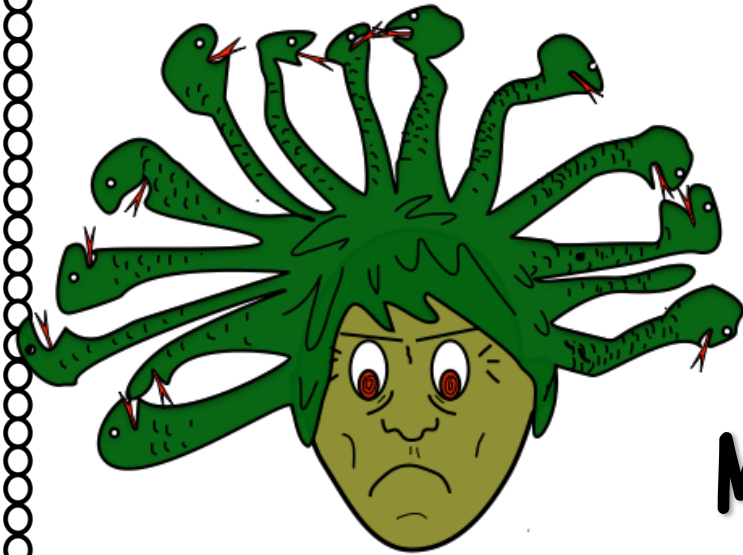
~TO CONSTANTLY
COMPLAIN TO
ANOTHER PERSON



In Greek mythology, harpies were spirits in the shape of birds with the heads of beautiful women. These creatures were the agents of Zeus and were viewed as cruel and mean because they abducted people and carried them to the underworld. There, they inflicted punishment and torment upon the guilty.

If Looks Could

Kill



~DESCRIBING A

MEAN LOOK AIMED

AT ANOTHER PERSON

Medusa, one of the most infamous beings from Greek mythology, was said to be a snake-haired monster. Her image was so hideous that anyone who looked her in the eye would immediately be turned to stone.

Bearing the Weight of the World

~BURDENED BY MANY
PROBLEMS



According to Greek Mythology, Atlas was punished by Zeus for siding with the Titans during their war against the Olympians. His punishment was to carry the weight of the heavens on his shoulders.