

True or False

Indicate whether the following statements are **True**, **False** or whether you **Cannot Tell** from the information we are given in the story.

1. Zeus is the King of the Gods.
2. Heracles was afraid of nobody.
3. Hera plotted to kill Heracles.
4. Heracles was taught how to sword-fight.
5. Although Heracles was strong, he wasn't very clever.
6. Heracles was very popular.
7. Heracles had four children.
8. Hera puts a spell on Heracles.
9. Heracles kills his own family.
10. Zeus punishes Heracles by sending him on the twelve trauchles.

The Lion o Nemea

Illustrate the following words in the way you think best sums up their meaning.

feartie

crabbit

muckle

The Hydra

1. Write down three things we learn about the Hydra's appearance.
2. What does the Hydra do to travellers?
3. Who does Heracles take with him on this trauchle?
4. What does Heracles do first in his attempt to kill the Hydra?
5. Why does this not work?
6. How does Heracles eventually defeat the Hydra?

The Cerynitian Hart

1. What is the difference between Heracles' third trauchle and the previous two?
2. Why daren't Heracles harm the Hart?
3. Heracles spends a year chasing the stag. How does he eventually get close to it?
4. What does he then have to do to stop the stag running away?
5. Who then appears and shoots an arrow at Heracles?
6. How does he persuade the goddess to let him have the stag?

The Erymanthian Boar

We learn in the story that the Boar lives in the mountains but that every so often it runs riot through the villages causing damage and destruction. Heracles passes through a village which the Boar has recently attacked and we hear about some of the damage it has caused.

Imagine that you are a villager from that village. Write about the day that the Boar appeared.

Think about the following to help you plan your story.

1. Who are you? Are you a school child in the village or would you like to give yourself a different character?
2. Where are you when the Boar first appears? Describe this place.

How do you first learn of the Boar's attack?

3. How do you feel during the attack? Write down words you could use to describe your feelings.
4. What do you see? Write down words to describe the Boar.

What about the destruction the Boar causes? Describe this using all your senses - sight, sound, smell, taste, touch. Make some notes first.

5. How do you feel once it is all over? Has your home been damaged or have you been hurt? You could perhaps end your story by hoping that Heracles is able to capture the Boar.

The Augean Stables

1. What is Heracles' fifth trauchle?
2. What does Heracles first think when he sees the mess?
3. What does he then see which gives him an idea?
4. Explain in your own words how Heracles is able to succeed in this trauchle.

The Stymphalian Crows

1. "King Eurystheus's face wis trippin him". What does this tell us about the way Eurystheus is feeling and why does he feel this way?
2. When Heracles hears about the crows, what complaint does he make?
3. How does Heracles feel about Eurystheus at this point?
4. What makes these crows particularly tough?
5. What do the crows do to children?
6. Why can't Heracles get across the loch?
7. What does he do instead to get near the crows?
8. The crows come at Heracles like "a byke ae angry bees". Why is this a good way to describe them?
9. What damage do the crows do to Heracles?
10. How does Heracles kill the crows?

The Cretan Buhl

Put the missing words into the spaces in the passage below. The words which are missing are in the box underneath. You can check their meanings, if you need to, by using a Scots dictionary. Remember, you don't need to get every word which is missing in order.

When you are finished you can check your answers with the passage in the book.

The buhl went by him wi a surprised _____ in his ee, cairried on throu the city waw an _____ its heid aff a big kirk in the middle ae the toun wi a clatter that _____ maust ae the city doon on tap ae him.

Heracles then _____ ontae the beast's back. It _____ its shooders but Heracles held on tight. It breenged roon every _____ an cranny ae Crete tryin tae fling Heracles aff. It ran intae glens, boltit throu burns, _____ roon the cliffs an rammied its wey throu folks' fermes an hooses but Heracles didna wance _____ his grup.

It took a week but at last the buhl wis _____ an gied in. Heracles _____ aff its back an dragged the brute _____ tae his ship. Wi the buhl safely _____ up in chynes on the deck, he set sail for hame.

lowped

puggled

skited

shauchled

keek

brocht

fankled

stottit

lowse

doon

sliddered

neuk

The Cuddies o Diomedes

Your task is to write a poem about the horses in this chapter. You are going to write a particular kind of poem called an acrostic. You write an acrostic poem by writing a word vertically down the side of the page and then using each letter of that word as the first letter of a new word which describes in some way the first word. For example:

Curling

Adventurous

Tetchy

Now write an acrostic poem using the word

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You can do this for any of the monsters that Heracles meets on his trauchles!

Hippolyta's Belt

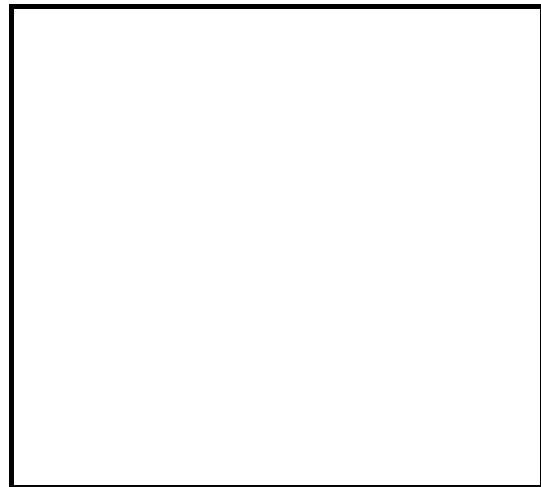
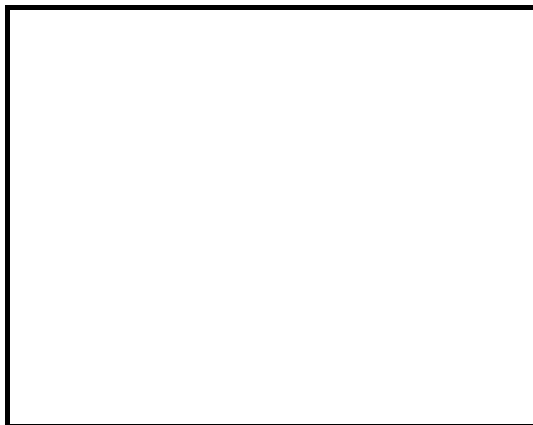
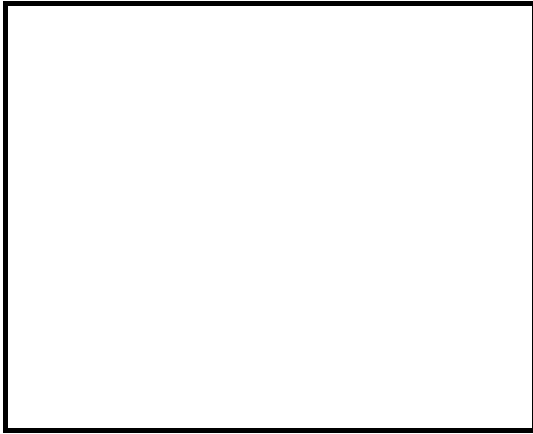
1. What happens when Heracles tells his men he is travelling to the land of the Amazons?
2. Heracles expects a battle when they arrive. What actually happens?
3. What happens when Heracles reaches for his sword?
4. Why does Hippolyta give Heracles her belt and what does she ask for in return?
5. Everything seems to be going well. What happens to change this?
6. What does Heracles do when he returns to Eurystheus which shows he is angry about the men who were killed?

The Kye o Geryon

1. Where does King Geryon stay?
2. Why does it seem unlikely that anyone would want his cows?
3. Quote (copy) a phrase from the story which describes how thirsty Heracles becomes and say why you liked it.
4. Why does Helios make the sun blaze hotter?
5. What happens when Heracles reaches Geryon?
6. Why does Herlios change his mind and help Heracles?

The Gowden Aipples o the Hesperides

After reading this chapter pick what you think are the six most important moments. You are going to use these six moments to turn the story into a comic strip. Illustrate each moment and underneath put a caption (one sentence) to explain what is happening. If you are succesful, this should tell the story from beginning to end.



Cerberus the Fufy-Heidit Dug

1. Write down four things that make Cerberus particularly frightening.
2. What is Cerberus' job?
3. What is the first problem Heracles has?
4. When Charon won't take Heracles across, it says Heracles "finally tint the Tawtie awthegither". What do you think this means?
5. How does Cerberus almost make Heracles pass out?
6. How does Heracles make Cerberus let him go?
7. How does Hercales eventually defeat Cerberus?
8. Why is Eurystheus not there when Heracles returns to his palace?
9. Who is there instead?
10. What are we told Heracles has learned by undertaking his twelve trauchles?

When you have finished the questions, draw a picture of Cerberus in all his ferocity. Use the description in the story to help you