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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.

Demeter: Goddess of Agriculture
Demeter is a pleasant-looking mature woman and controls the fertility of the earth as goddess of Agriculture and also gives life after death to those who learn her mysteries. Demeter is not one to cross lightly. After the kidnapping of her daughter Persephone, Demeter blights the earth and won't let the plants grow. But who can blame her? Zeus gave Hades permission to "marry" Persephone but didn't mention it to her mom- oops!

Good readers use background knowledge to better comprehend…
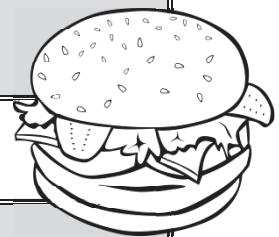
STRATEGY FOCUS: UNDERSTANDING STORY DETAILS
The children visited Aunty Em's Garden Gnome Emporium in this chapter. Fill in the chart below.

DESCRIPTION OF OUTSIDE STORE	
AUNTY EM (BEGINNING)	
WHAT CHILDREN DID INSIDE	
AUNTY EM (END)	

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.

Percy ate one of Aunty Em's irresistible hamburgers.
What kind of food do you find irresistible?

Good readers will think about what they are reading…

What did Percy put in the box and where was he going to send it to?

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Why does Grover want a searcher's license?

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STRATEGY FOCUS: EXTENDING THE TEXT

For this activity, you are asked to design a license for Grover. Your license should include a picture, a few details about Grover, and what the license could be used for.

Strategy Focus: Extending the Text
For this focus, you do not have to write anything down.
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Grover wanted a "searcher's" license.
What kind of license would you find helpful?

Good readers will think about what they are reading…

What was Percy's real reason why he wanted to go to the Underworld?

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Who helped the children get money for the Amtrak train?

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