

THE LIGHTNING THIEF: CHAPTERS 15 & 16

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.

Hephaestus: God of the Forge, Crafts, and Fire

Hephaestus was a dark-haired man who has difficulty walking due to deformed feet. The story about Hephaestus is that while feeling rejected by his mother Hera, Hephaestus made a lovely throne for her and sent it to Olympus. She sat in it and discovered she could not get up again. Then the chair levitated. The other Olympian gods tried to reason with Hephaestus, but even Ares was driven off with his flames.

Good readers use background knowledge to better comprehend...



At the car wash Percy was able to talk with Luke through the rainbow mist. Describe what they talked about and what Luke implied about Annabeth.

What did Ares want them to do?



STRATEGY FOCUS: UNDERSTANDING THE DETAILS

For this activity, you are asked to fill in the blanks about what happened at the water park.

When they arrived at the water park they took clean clothes from the merchandise and changed into it. They went to the ride where the shield was. There were _____ all the way around the rim of the pool facing the spot. When _____ touched the shield, he set off a trip wire. The cupid _____ drew their bows and made a net to trap them in. Video cameras and spotlights appeared. Then _____ came out and scared Annabeth. _____ went in the control booth to push buttons. Percy made the pipes explode with water, and the spiders were swept away. Percy and _____ rode the boat out of the exit and jumped off. Grover grabbed them in mid-air to brace their fall.

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Who was Thalia and what happened to her?



Percy had a nightmare again. Describe his nightmare and what was discussed between Hades and his servant.

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.	
Share a time when you had a bad dream.	
Good readers will think about what they are reading...	

Strategy Focus: Extending the Text

When the children entered the Lotus Hotel & Casino, they were given a green plastic credit card. They were also given a suite to stay in that had separate bedrooms that were stocked with candy, soda, and chips. They did several activities (bungee jumping, waterslide, snowboard, and laser-tag). Percy began to realize something was wrong when he played a game with Darrin. He thought it was 1977. Percy soon discovered that he was in a trap. He had to get Annabeth and Grover and leave. On the "credit card" below, create a design that may have been on the card. Your design should relate to the Lotus Hotel & Casino.