



Dear Teachers,

Welcome to the *Rick Riordan Myths & Legends Resource Pack*. Whether your students are fans of Rick Riordan's previous novels or have enjoyed the two Percy Jackson films or are looking for their next exciting read, this pack will help them to explore the latest adventure, which brings the gods, monsters and characters of Greek, Roman, Egyptian and Norse mythology vividly to life. It also allows students to be creative, whether in the classroom, in the library or at home.

WHAT IS COVERED IN THE PACK:

This pack is designed around encouraging students to **read** and **respond** to the text, offering opportunities for **creative writing, research** and **group discussion**.

The activities can be used independently or as a take-home task for students to complete as they read through the book, or could form the basis for a classroom activity. Where appropriate, each sheet highlights the chapters that are relevant to that activity.

SKILLS:

The skills that students will develop from this pack include: creative writing and composition, group discussion including listening and responding constructively, and retrieving and presenting information from non-fiction texts.

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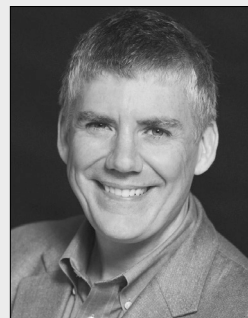
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About Rick Riordan:

Before starting to write, Rick worked as a teacher, and got the idea for his Percy Jackson series of books from talking to his pupils and children about Greek mythology. The Percy Jackson books have since become some of the most popular titles for children in the last few years, and are being adapted as a series of films. Rick now concentrates on writing full-time and lives with his family in the USA.





WHICH CAMP?

To complete this pack, you can choose to represent one of four camps – Greek, Roman, Egyptian or Norse – mirroring the worlds of Rick Riordan’s electrifying series of books. In the Percy Jackson series, half-boy half-god hero Percy Jackson contests with the gods and monsters of Ancient Greece. In the explosive spin-off series, Heroes of Olympus and Trials of Apollo, we meet Percy’s Roman half-blood counterparts. Readers can find the gods of Ancient Egypt waking in the modern world in Rick Riordan’s third series, The Kane Chronicles. And the Norse gods are preparing for war in the fourth series, Magnus Chase.

If you have already enjoyed the novels, you can choose the camp that corresponds to your favourite Rick Riordan series. Or you can complete the quiz below to see which suits you best!

EVERY HERO NEEDS A WEAPON. WHAT’LL YOURS BE?

- A. A pen that’s a Celestial bronze sword. Surprise!
- B. A gold sword you can also throw a long, long way.
- C. A blade of metallic iron, aka Netjeri.
- D. A blade emblazoned with runes. Fancy.

IT’S FIELD TRIP TIME. WHERE WOULD YOU RATHER GO?

- A. To see the marble statues in the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art.
- B. An amphitheatre.
- C. Cleopatra’s needle. Even though it’s less needle, more obelisk.
- D. Anywhere you can check out some longships.

SO, POLITICS. WHICH STYLE GETS YOUR VOTE?

- A. Everyone has a vote to decide what to do.
- B. Everyone votes for a representative; they call the shots.
- C. A king or queen rules the country.
- D. A leader appoints a commission to choose the best ones for the task.

FIGHTING WORKS UP AN APPETITE. YOU’LL ORDER?





- A. Ambrosia with a side of nectar.
- B. Pizza.
- C. Bread, meat and fruit for dessert.
- D. Meat. And throw in some goat’s milk mead.

IF YOU HAD TO FIGHT A DEADLY MONSTER, WHO WOULD YOU PICK?

- A. Half man, half bull. Make mine a Minotaur.
- B. Storm spirits that move like . . . well, like the wind.
- C. A beady eyed griffin.
- D. A serpent with a ridged forehead and tapered snout.

SO MANY BATTLES, NOT MUCH FREE TIME. HOBBIES?

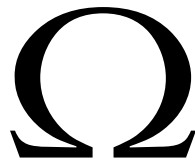
- A. Discus.
- B. Chariot racing.
- C. Archery.
- D. Climbing mountains.

 <p>Mostly As GREEKS</p> <p>By Zeus, you’d love the PERCY JACKSON series by Rick Riordan!</p> <p>turn to page 3</p>	 <p>Mostly Bs ROMANS</p> <p>It’s a Roman life for you! You’d enjoy Rick Riordan’s HEROES OF OLYMPUS series.</p> <p>turn to page 13</p>	 <p>Mostly Cs EGYPTIANS</p> <p>Walk like an Egyptian, and read Rick Riordan’s Egypt-inspired series THE KANE CHRONICLES.</p> <p>turn to page 17</p>	 <p>Mostly Ds NORSE</p> <p>No doubt about it, you’re Norse. Try Rick Riordan’s series about MAGNUS CHASE.</p> <p>turn to page 22</p>
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<p>PLAY CAPTURE THE FLAG! turn to page 33</p>			



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ROMAN GODS



Extract from the first novel in the **Heroes of Olympus** series,
The Lost Hero.

Even before he got electrocuted, Jason was having a rotten day.

He woke up in the back seat of a school bus, not sure where he was, holding hands with a girl he didn't know. That wasn't necessarily the rotten part. The girl was cute, but he couldn't figure out who she was or what he was doing there. He sat up and rubbed his eyes, trying to think.

A few dozen kids were sprawled in the seats in front of him, listening to iPods, talking or sleeping. They all looked around his age . . . fifteen? Sixteen? Okay, that was scary. He didn't know his own age.

The bus rumbled along a bumpy road. Out of the windows, desert rolled by under a bright blue sky. Jason was pretty sure he didn't live in the desert. He tried to think back . . . the last thing he remembered . . .

The girl squeezed his hand. 'Jason, you okay?'

She wore faded jeans, hiking boots and a fleece snowboarding jacket. Her chocolate-brown hair was cut choppy and uneven, with thin strands braided down the sides.

She wore no makeup like she was trying not to draw attention to herself, but it didn't work.

She was seriously pretty. Her eyes seemed to change colour like a kaleidoscope – brown, blue and green.

Jason let go of her hand. 'Um, I don't –'

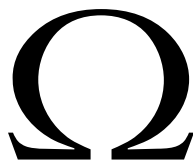
In the front of the bus, a teacher shouted, 'All right, cupcakes, listen up!'

The guy was obviously a coach. His baseball cap was pulled low over his hair, so you could just see his beady eyes. He had a wispy goatee and a sour face, like he'd eaten something mouldy. His buff arms and chest pushed against a bright orange polo shirt. His nylon workout pants and Nikes were spotless white. A whistle hung from his neck, and a megaphone was clipped to his belt. He would've looked pretty scary if he hadn't been five feet zero. When he stood up in the aisle, one of the students called, 'Stand up, Coach Hedge!'

'I heard that!' The coach scanned the bus for the offender. Then his eyes fixed on Jason, and his scowl deepened.

A jolt went down Jason's spine. He was sure the coach knew he didn't belong there. He was going to call Jason out, demand to know what he was doing on the bus – and Jason wouldn't have a clue what to say.





ROMAN TEAM

Welcome to the Roman team! In the second series of novels by Rick Riordan, *Heroes of Olympus*, Percy is sent to Camp Jupiter, the Roman equivalent of Camp Half-Blood. The Roman camp is more disciplined and war-like than the Greek one, and is populated by the children of Roman gods and mortals.

KNOW YOUR ROMAN GODS

In Rick Riordan's novels, the Roman gods are separate entities to the Greek ones, and they have been enemies for centuries. Historically, many of the Roman gods were just versions of the Greek ones adapted into Roman culture, with new names but very similar traits.

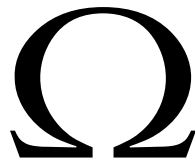
Look at the list below of Greek gods and their powers, and write their Roman names into the third column. The answers are provided below, as a reference. If you need help, go to www.rickriordan.co.uk.

GOD/GODDESS	POWER	ROMAN GOD/GODDESS
Zeus	Sky	
Hera	Motherhood/marriages	
Poseidon	Sea/earthquakes	
Demeter	Agriculture	
Hephaestus	Blacksmiths	
Athena	Wisdom, battle, useful arts	
Aphrodite	Love	
Ares	War	
Apollo	Music, medicine, poetry, archery, bachelors	
Artemis	Maiden girls, hunting	
Hermes	Travellers, merchants, thieves, messengers	
Dionysus	Wine	

Venus	Apollo	Mars	Diana
Minerva	Ceres	Bacchus	Jupiter
Vulcan	Juno	Mercury	Neptune

DISCUSSION

In the novels, Jason Grace discovers he is the demigod son of Jupiter. If you could be the child of one of the gods, which would you pick? Discuss this as a group. Remember to listen to the opinions of others and to give your own.



ROMAN LIFE

Religion and the gods were a very important part of Roman life, but there were many other interesting aspects to Roman culture. Working in pairs, pick one of the following areas to research, and create a factfile for your fellow group members.

- Roman architecture
- Roman government and the Roman emperors
- The Roman Empire
- The Roman army
- Gladiators

JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS

Jason Grace in the Heroes of Olympus series is named after a famous Greek mythological hero, who led a band of heroes called the Argonauts in their quest to find the Golden Fleece. Their journey was long and dangerous, and they met a number of challenges and mythological creatures along the way. Some of them are listed below. Choose one, and then research it with a partner. Write a short poem about the creature, or about Jason's experience with it. The poem can be in rhyme or free verse – it's up to you!

- The Gegeines
- The Harpies
- The Symplegades
- The Khalkotauroi
- The Sirens

DISCUSSION

The word 'hero' as we use it today was not the same in Ancient Greek and Roman mythology. A hero today might be someone who is admired for the brave things that they do or for their good qualities of character, or someone who has done something heroic like putting themselves in danger to save someone else. Heroes in ancient times were a little different, and often performed their quests to help nobody except themselves, although they always showed strength, courage and quick-wittedness.

What do you think it means to be a hero? Discuss this as a group. Then think about who your greatest hero is, and tell the group about them. It might be someone famous, but it might also be someone close to home.

DESIGN YOUR FLAG

As representatives of Camp Jupiter and the Roman team, you will be participating in a game of 'capture the flag'. First, you will need to design a flag for your team. You can use whichever colours or symbols you prefer – draw it into the worksheet on page 36.





ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES



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CAPTURE THE FLAG!

EXTRACT

Here is an extract from **Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief**.

That night after dinner, there was a lot more excitement than usual.

At last, it was time for capture the flag.

When the plates were cleared away, the conch horn sounded and we all stood at our tables.

Campers yelled and cheered as Annabeth and two of her siblings ran into the pavilion carrying a silk banner. It was about three metres long, glistening grey, with a painting of a barn owl above an olive tree. From the opposite side of the pavilion, Clarisse and her buddies ran in with another banner, of identical size, but gaudy red, painted with a bloody spear and a boar's head.

I turned to Luke and yelled over the noise, 'Those are the flags?'

'Yeah.'

'Ares and Athena always lead the teams?'

'Not always,' he said. 'But often.'

'So, if another cabin captures one, what do you do – repaint the flag?'

He grinned. 'You'll see. First, we have to get one.'

'Capture the flag' is the game played regularly by the demigods at Camp Half-Blood. The different 'houses' form alliances, and students are heavily armed, using military tactics and fighting to capture one of two flags. Instead of a physical contest of capture the flag, as played in Camp Half-Blood, Athena the goddess of wisdom has set you a quest. In the following wordsearch, you will find the answers to all of the questions below. Complete the wordsearch as quickly as possible to capture the flag!

CAPTURE THE FLAG: QUIZ

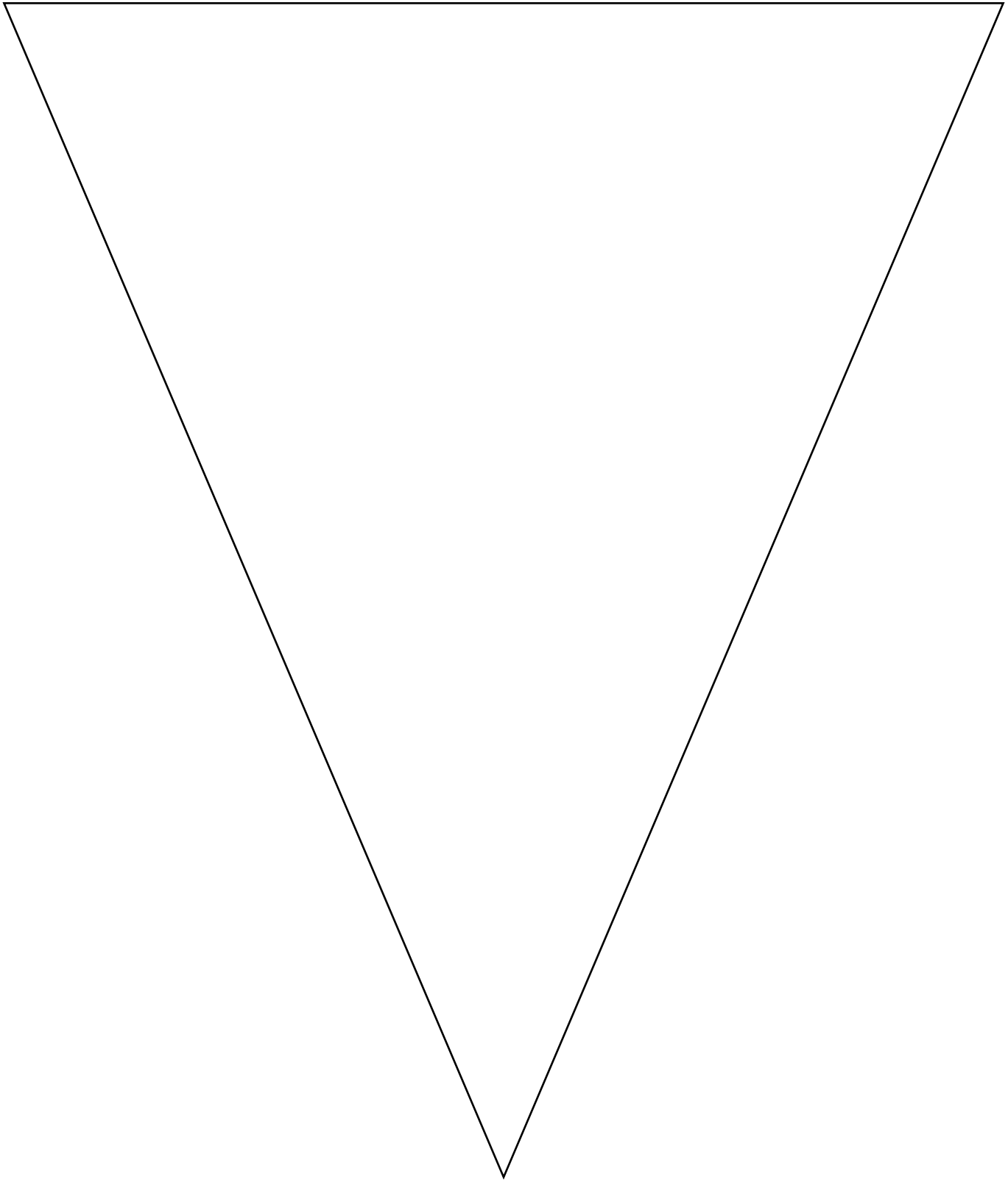
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9. What is the name of the god who takes Carter and Sadie's father hostage?
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13. What is the name of the staff carried by Hermes in Greek mythology?
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DESIGN YOUR TEAM FLAG





ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

WORD SEARCH

RIPTIDE
HADES
PLUTO
OSIRIS
RICK RIORDAN
POSEIDON

NEPTUNE
ZEUS
JUPITER
BROTHERS
STYX
CAT

SET
MEDUSA
BULL
APOLLO
SEKHMET
CADUCEUS

ARGONAUTS
SIRENS
LION
ARES
MARS
PERSEUS
LABYRINTH

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CAPTURE THE FLAG: ANSWERS

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| 20. In Greek mythology, where was the Minotaur kept? | Labyrinth |





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RICK RIORDAN

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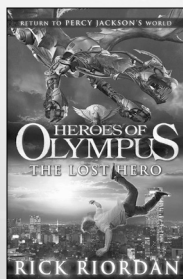
MARS

PERSEUS

LABYRINTH

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HEROES OF OLYMPUS

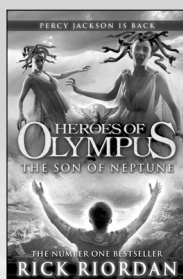


THE LOST HERO (BOOK 1)

Old enemies awaken as Camp Half-Blood's new arrivals prepare for war.

When Jason, Piper and Leo crash-land at Camp Half-Blood, they have no idea what to expect. Apparently this is the only safe place for children of the Greek gods – despite the monsters roaming the woods and demigods practising archery with flaming arrows and explosives. But rumours of a terrible curse – and a missing hero – are flying around camp. It seems Jason, Piper and Leo are the chosen ones to embark on a terrifying new quest, which they must complete by the winter solstice. In just four days time. Can the trio succeed on this deadly mission – and what must they sacrifice in order to survive?

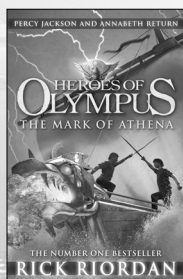
Also available as a graphic novel.



THE SON OF NEPTUNE (BOOK 2)

This crazy, messed-up world of gods and monsters is Percy Jackson's reality, which pretty much sucks for him.

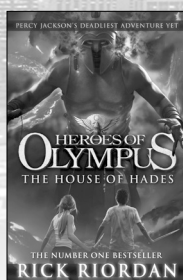
Percy Jackson, son of Poseidon, God of the Sea, has woken from a very deep sleep and come face to face with two snake-haired ladies who refuse to die. But they're the least of his problems. Because Percy finds himself at a camp for half-bloods, which doesn't ring any bells for him. There's just one name he remembers from his past. Annabeth. Only one thing is certain – Percy's questing days aren't over. He and fellow demigods Frank and Hazel must face the most important quest of all: the Prophecy of Seven. If they fail, it's not just their camp at risk. Percy's old life, the gods, and the entire world might be destroyed.



THE MARK OF ATHENA (BOOK 3)

One fatal prophecy. Seven brave demigods. A quest to find – and close – the Doors of Death.

Annabeth and her friends Piper, Jason and Leo have landed at Camp Jupiter with one mission in mind. The time has come for Roman and Greek demigods to unite. With Percy Jackson, Hazel and Frank by their side, the seven demigods must begin their quest across land and sea to Rome, but what will they have to sacrifice this time – and what unspeakable horrors await?



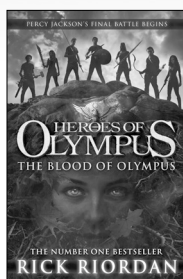
THE HOUSE OF HADES (BOOK 4)

The stakes are higher than ever in this adventure that dives into the depths of Tartarus.

At the conclusion of The Mark of Athena, Annabeth and Percy tumble into a pit leading straight to the Underworld. The other five demigods have to put aside their grief and follow Percy's instructions to find the mortal side of the Doors of Death. If they can fight their way through Gaia's forces, and Percy and Annabeth can survive the House of Hades, then the Seven will be able to seal the Doors on both sides and prevent the giants from raising Gaia. But, Leo wonders, if the Doors are sealed, how will Percy and Annabeth be able to escape?

They have no choice. If the demigods don't succeed, Gaia's armies will never die.

They have no time. In about a month, the Romans will march on Camp Half-Blood.



THE BLOOD OF OLYMPUS (BOOK 5)

Though the Greek and Roman crew members of the Argo II have made progress in their many quests, they still seem no closer to defeating the earth mother, Gaea. Her giants have risen – all of them – and they're stronger than ever.

The gods, still suffering from multiple-personality disorder, are useless. How can a handful of young demigods hope to persevere against Gaia's army of powerful giants? As dangerous as it is to head to Athens, they have no other option. They have sacrificed too much already. And if Gaia wakes, it is game over . . .