Chapter-by-Chapter Literary Analysis

The chapter-by-chapter literary analysis provides a framework for students to complete a deep analysis of each individual chapter in *Percy Jackson*. The assignments are aligned to the Common Core State Standards and designed not only to have students practice literary skills but also demonstrate their comprehension of the text. It could supply homework, facilitate guided reading groups, or stimulate whole class literacy discussions for each chapter.
Chapter 1

1. What was the main idea of Chapter 1? What is it mostly about? Support with textual evidence and key details.

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2. In your own words, explain what happened to Kronos and Zeus? Who is Zeus? Use textual evidence to explain.

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3. Percy mentions he is a half-blood. Based on the events in the chapter, what might be a half-blood? Use textual evidence to support your answer.

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4. Characterize Percy, what type of person do you think he really is? Do you think he’s really a troublemaker? Why or why not? Use textual evidence to explain

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5. What do you think is the real reason Mr. Brunner pushes Percy so hard? Why do you think he wants him to learn so much? Use textual evidence to explain.

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6. Percy mentions the weather several times. Why do you think he does this? What might the weather foreshadow? Use examples to support.

7. Based on the events at the end of the chapter, who or what was Mrs. Dodds? Use textual evidence to support.

8. Why does Mr. Brunner ignore the vanishing of Mrs. Dodds? What is he hoping to accomplish? Use textual evidence.

In this box, draw a picture of an example of figurative language that stuck out to you the most and you can “see.” Include the text at the bottom. Give it your best:

**QUIZ!**
Chapter 2

1. What was the main idea of Chapter 2? What is it mostly about? Support with textual evidence and key details. (2-3 complete sentences)

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2. What conflicts is Percy facing? Explain at least two conflicts and what type of conflicts they are. Support with textual evidence.

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3. Grover says he’s a protector. He also mentioned that he failed before. What do you think he means by this? Use textual evidence to support your answer.

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4. What are some words or clues that hint at the long, ancient history behind this story? Find at least 3 examples and explain.

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5. What kind of mood does Percy returning to the city create? How does the setting affect him? What about Grover? Use textual evidence to support.

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6. What is the point of view of the text? What is a disadvantage of this point of view? Use textual evidence to support.

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7. Based on the text, who are the old ladies knitting? Are they good or bad? Provide at least 2 possibilities. Include textual evidence.

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8. What is inferred when Grover mentions that “they” never get past 6th grade? Use textual evidence to support.

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QUIZ!
Chapter 1

1. What was the main idea of Chapter 1? What is it mostly about? Support with textual evidence and key details. (2-3 complete sentences)
   a. Percy is on a field trip and is bullied by Nancy. He also is attacked by his teacher, Mrs. Dodds, and vaporizes her with a magical pen.

2. In your own words, explain what happened to Kronos and Zeus? Who is Zeus? Use textual evidence to explain.
   a. Kronos ate his children, but was fed a rock so Zeus could escape. He then led a war against Kronos and defeated him.

3. Percy mentions he is a half-blood. Based on the events in the chapter, what might be a half-blood? Use textual evidence to support your answer.
   a. Half-blood might mean that is he half human and half something else. Based on the events, the one half must be magical in nature – half Greek god.

4. Characterize Percy, what type of person do you think he really is? Do you think he’s really a troublemaker? Why or why not? Use textual evidence to explain.
   a. Characterization will vary. Percy is brave. He fought off Mrs. Dodds. He’s not really a trouble-maker; he just seems to be at the wrong place at the wrong time.

5. What do you think is the real reason Mr. Brunner pushes Percy so hard? Why do you think he wants him to learn so much? Use textual evidence to explain.
   a. Mr. Brunner believes in Percy. He thinks he has talent and can accomplish many things. He also wants him to learn a lot because Mr. Brunner thinks that it will be useful to him later in life.

6. Percy mentions the weather several times. Why do you think he does this? What might the weather foreshadow? Use examples to support.
   a. Percy draws our attention to weather because it is another connection to the Greek gods. The weather might symbolize Zeus’s involvement.

7. Based on the events at the end of the chapter, who or what was Mrs. Dodds? Use examples to support.
   a. Answers will vary. Mrs. Dodds is a fury. She’s a monster that is after Percy.

8. Why does Mr. Brunner ignore the vanishing of Mrs. Dodds? What is he hoping to accomplish? Use textual evidence.
   a. Mr. Brunner most likely ignores the incident with Mrs. Dodds because he wants to hide something from Percy. He is protecting him from dangerous information.
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Answers and drawings will vary between students.

QUIZ! What is the name of Percy's friend?

Grover

Chapter 2

1. What was the main idea of Chapter 2? What is it mostly about? Support with textual evidence and key details. (2-3 complete sentences)
   a. Percy finishes his year at Yancy Academy and starts his trip back home into the city. During his travels, he comes across three old ladies knitting and snipping the “life” yarn.

2. What conflicts is Percy facing? Explain at least two conflicts and what type of conflicts they are.
   a. Percy is facing a self-conflict because he wants to go home and is also confused about what is happening to him. He is also facing a societal conflict because he is unknowingly fighting against the gods.

3. Grover says he's a protector. He also mentioned that he failed before. What do you think he means by this? Use examples to support your answer.
   a. Answers will vary. Grover is supposed to protect half-bloods like Percy. He failed, and as a result the person died.

4. The text seems full of context clues about Ancient Greece. What are some words that hint at a long history behind this story? Find at least 3 examples.
   a. Kindly Ones, Chiron, Greek Mythology, yarn of death

5. What kind of mood does Percy returning to the city create? How does the setting affect him? What about Grover? Use textual evidence to support.
   a. As Percy returns back to the city, the mood changes to a more dangerous one. It makes Percy more confused about what is going on. Grover is also anxious and on-edge.

6. What is the point of view of the text? What is a disadvantage of this point of view? Use textual evidence to support.
   a. First person – We are also in the dark about Percy’s problems. We don’t know what Grover is thinking and why he is protecting Percy.
Nonfiction Close Readings

Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief is filled with references to Ancient Greek mythology and history. Each Common-Core aligned close reading lesson expands on those references. Students will build background knowledge while reading informational texts, and the assignments also include questions that require students to develop and apply literary skills. The resource also includes an answer key.
Chapter 1 – Frieze

The Ancient Greeks are famous for their advancements and design elements in architecture. Some of the most notable and recognizable features, whose influence can still be seen today, include the three classical orders of columns (Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian), theatre structure, and stadiums. Although the Ancient Greeks first constructed their buildings using wood, they eventually transitioned to stone, a move that captured a clear record of their beliefs, culture, and daily life that allows us to study their civilization to this day.

One of the most famous Ancient Greek buildings still standing is the Parthenon. The Parthenon, located in Athens, was a temple made to honor the goddess Athena, the patron of the city. One important element of Greek temples such as the Parthenon is the **frieze** (pronounced freeze), or the long stone sculpture located on the outside of the building above the columns and under the roof structure.

The frieze on the Parthenon narrates a story of a procession at a festival. The Olympian gods are seated while citizens move toward a central point. Historians still debate the meaning behind the images since there is no written record that describes the frieze. The frieze was deconstructed and separated into several sections. Those sections are located in museums across the world.

1. What is the main idea of the passage? Support with evidence from the text.

2. Based on the passage, what might have been the purpose of a frieze in Ancient Greek architecture? Support with evidence from the text.

3. Why does the author include the following information: “the Ancient Greeks first constructed their buildings using wood, they eventually transitioned to stone”? Support with evidence from the text.

4. How is the following text organized – chronological, cause and effect, compare and contrast or logical? Support with 2 pieces of evidence from the text.
Directions: First, re-read the story of Kronos in chapter 1 of Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief. Then, in the sketch below, draw your interpretation of the story to honor Kronos on his very own temple. Keep in mind that the sketch should only be sculptures of people to tell the story.
Chapter 2 – Polydectes

Polydectes was the King of Seriphos, a small island in the Aegean Sea. History remains undecided as to his birth. Some legends say he was the son of Magnes, King of Magnesia, and a Naiad, while other stories say he is the son of Poseidon and Cerebia. However, most myths and legends portray Polydectes as a tyrant and a cruel ruler, and Polydectes’ story is synonymous with the myth of Perseus’ quest for Medusa’s head.

One day Danae and her young son Perseus washed up on the shores of Seriphos and were taken in by Dictys, Polydectes’ brother. Polydectes was enamored by Danae but could not get close to her due to Perseus’ protective nature. As a result, Polydectes hatched a plan to get rid of Perseus. Polydectes pretended that he was going to marry Hippodamia. He demanded that all the men of Seriphos provide gifts to honor his upcoming wedding. Unfortunately, Perseus was poor and unable to give a suitable gift. Polydectes understood and claimed that what he truly wanted was the head of the Gorgon Medusa.

As a result, Perseus set out on his quest for Medusa. Medusa was a dreadful creature. She had snakes for hair and could turn a person to stone if they looked into her eyes. Perseus found Medusa and succeeded in slaying her by cleverly looking at her through the reflection on his shield. Perseus then returned to Seriphos with Medusa’s head in hand.

When Perseus arrived on the island, he discovered that his mother, fearing further abuse by Polydectes, was hiding in a temple. Angered by his mother’s treatment, Perseus approached King Polydectes in the hall, announced that he had slain Medusa, and took out her head. Everyone in the hall, including Polydectes, turned to stone. Afterwards, Perseus gave the kingdom to Dictys.

1. What is the passage mostly about? Which sentence from the passage best supports your summary?

Sentence that supports summary:

2. Why might the author include the following sentence: “Some legends say he was the son of Magnes, King of Magnesia, and a Naiad, while other stories say he is the son of Poseidon and Cerebia”?

3. Based on the passage, what does the word “enamored” most likely mean? Support with evidence from the text.
Polydeuces

Polydeuces, better known as the hero Pollux, was the twin brother of Castor. Together, the twins were known as the Dioscuri. While Castor was the son of a King of Sparta, Pollux was said to be the son of Zeus. As one legend tells it, Pollux’s mother, Leda, was seduced by Zeus, who disguised himself as a swan. The twin brothers were then born from an egg.

Pollux and Castor were famous for their participation in the Argonautic Expedition, the hunt of the Calydonian Boar as well as many other adventures. When Castor died, Pollux asked his father Zeus if he could share his immortality with his brother so that they could still be with each other. Zeus honored Pollux’s request, but in return, the brothers were placed in the sky as part of the constellation Gemini.

1. What is the passage mostly about? Support with evidence from the text.

2. Compare and contrast Polydeuces and Polydectes. What is similar? What is different? Fill out the Venn diagram

   ![Venn Diagram]

3. What does Pollux’s request to Zeus reveal about his character? Support with evidence from the text.

4. Why might Percy struggle to keep the stories of Polydectes and Polydeuces straight? Why might he confuse the two? Support with evidence from the text and the novel to explain.
Chapter 3 – Omens and Dreams

Ancient Greeks believed in their gods and thought that the gods would send them omens in their everyday lives. These signs from the gods were interpreted as guidance or warnings when dealing with challenges. Birds were the most popular source of omens. The ancient Greeks looked at the flight patterns of birds and their calls for signs.

One of the most famous epics from Ancient Greece, Homer’s Odyssey, includes examples of bird omens. For example, towards the end of the epic, an eagle soars overhead with another bird in its mouth, and the sign is believed to foreshadow the death of the suitors trying to marry Penelope.

In addition to omens, the Ancient Greeks also considered dreams to be a channel through which the gods tried to exert their will. The Greeks used dreams to predict the future. Homer’s other famous epic, the Iliad, highlights dreams and their interpretation as a way that the gods communicated with mortals.

Overall, these signs were an important aspect of Ancient Greek religion and were yet another way the Greeks believed that their gods were actively watching and involved in their lives. They revered their gods and sought to please them to win their favor and support.

1. What are omens? Why were omens important to the Ancient Greeks? Support with evidence from the text.

2. Why might the author have included examples from the Odyssey and the Iliad? What is the purpose of including those references? Support with evidence from the text.

3. As used in the passage, does the word “revered” most likely mean? Support with evidence from the text.

4. How does the author of Percy Jackson incorporate the historical information above in chapter 4? Support with evidence from the text.
Fiction Close Readings

Through the fiction close reading lessons, students will deeply engage with the novel to develop a variety of reading and literary skills aligned to the Common Core. The close reading lessons hone in on one particular skill and see students engage in a close reading of *Percy Jackson* to develop their literary proficiency. Each assignment requires students to use textual evidence to support their claims, and the resource also includes an answer key.
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Directions: Fill out the following chart for the character Chiron. Then, answer the questions that follow.

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Chapter 5 – Character: ________________________________

Name: ____________________________
History of Chiron

Chiron was the son of Kronos and a centaur. Although centaurs were considered vulgar, wild, and uncivilized, Chiron was considered the opposite. He was intelligent and kind. He was considered the best teacher in Ancient Greece. Famous heroes such as Achilles, Ajax, Jason, Perseus, and Theseus were said to have been taught by Chiron.

Chiron lived on Mount Pelion and taught his pupils knowledge of the stars and healing medicines, among many other subjects. One day, one of his students, Hercules, came to visit. They were attacked and one of Hercules’s arrows accidentally struck Chiron. The arrow was poisoned, and although Chiron could not die due to his immortality from his father Kronos, he suffered from terrible pain. As a result, Chiron eventually chose to give up his immortality, exchanging it for Prometheus’ freedom. To honor Chiron’s life, Zeus transformed him into the constellation Centaurus.

1. Based on the information above, who is Chiron? What is his role in Ancient Greek mythology? Support with evidence from the text.

2. What is Chiron’s role in the novel *Percy Jackson*? Support with evidence from the text.

3. How accurate is the author’s portrayal of Chiron in *Percy Jackson*? Support with evidence from the text.

4. Why do you think the author chose to portray Chiron in this way? What are the effects of this portrayal? Support with evidence from the text.
Long Island Sound

Evidence to support the places on your map.

Directions: Reread chapter 6. As you reread, draw a map of Camp Hall-Blood as Percy takes his tour. Write down text

Identify the setting of Camp Hall-Blood

- Setting affects the story

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# A Closer Look at Camp Half-Blood

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1. What mood does Camp Half-Blood create? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

2. How does the setting of Camp Half-Blood affect Percy? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

3. What conflicts arise due to the setting of Camp Half-Blood? Support your answer with evidence from the text.
Narrative Writing Mini-Lessons

The writing resources include 16 mini-lessons that guide students to master skills essential to narrative writing. The lesson topics cover plot, point of view, transitions, dialogue, and descriptive language. For each topic, the resource comprises of three lessons – the first introduces the skill, the second has students practice the skill, and the third has students apply the skill in their own writing. In addition, the resource also includes the basics of editing narratives with a checklist students might use for peer or self-editing. The resources also contain a summative narrative writing assignment, aligned rubrics, and answer keys.
Lesson 1 – Introduction to Writing Narratives

A narrative is a _______________. Narratives can be written or spoken. In fact, a lot of the Ancient Greek stories or myths we’ve learned about were passed down from generation to generation through oral retellings.

Narratives are composed of a few core elements. Let’s review those elements in preparation for our unit focused on writing your own narratives.

Core Elements of a Narrative

- _________________ = Most narratives follow a basic structure and storyline.
  - _________________ = Characters face problems and work to resolve those issues. They usually face complications as they work to resolve their issues.
  - _________________ = As characters work to face their problems, there is usually a turning point in the story where they succeed.
  - _________________ = Stories come to a reasonable ending, whether it be a cliffhanger, a good ending, or a bad one.

- _________________ = Stories are told from the perspective a narrator, which can sometimes be the main character.

- _________________ = These are important to convey shifts in time and the sequence of your story.

- _________________ = People talk! This can be a great way to make narratives dynamic and interesting.

- _________________ = Language that helps the reader use their 5 senses to read/live the story.

- _________________ = We’ll specifically focus on this important part of the writing process to elevate your writing.
Plot Components

1. ____________ = Start of the story – introduction to ____________ and ____________
2. ____________ = Main ____________ begins – protagonist faces ____________, which build ____________
3. ____________ = ____________ of the story - ____________ is faced
4. ____________ = Conflicts begin to be ____________
5. ____________ = Story ____________ – all loose ends are tied up

Practice: Let’s use a Pixar short to determine the parts of plot! Fill out the organizer and give a brief summary of that part of plot in the correct box. For example, when the video is at the climax, summarize that part of the story in Box ____!
Lesson 2 – Plot Practice 1

Practice: Let’s use another Pixar short to refresh our memory about plot and identifying those parts! Fill out the organizer and give a brief summary of that part of plot in the correct box. For example, when the video is at the main conflict and characters facing complications of that conflict, summarize that part of the story in Box _____!

Practice: Now, let’s read a longer short story and identify the parts of plot. As we read the story, use the following symbols to keep track of the parts of plot.

UNDERLINE = Any time a setting is introduced or changes or new characters are introduced.

HIGHLIGHT = When the conflict starts, and highlight when there’s a complication in any way.

★ = The turning point of the story – when the conflict is faced.

BOX = The conclusion of the story – how the conflict is resolved.
“The Buckwheat” by Hans Christian Anderson

VERY often, after a violent thunder-storm, a field of buckwheat appears blackened and singed, as if a flame of fire had passed over it. The country people say that this appearance is caused by lightning; but I will tell you what the sparrow says, and the sparrow heard it from an old willow-tree which grew near a field of buckwheat, and is there still. It is a large venerable tree, though a little crippled by age. The trunk has been split, and out of the crevice grass and brambles grow. The tree bends for-ward slightly, and the branches hang quite down to the ground just like green hair. Corn grows in the surrounding fields, not only rye and barley, but oats, pretty oats that, when ripe, look like a number of little golden canary-birds sitting on a bough. The corn has a smiling look and the heaviest and richest ears bend their heads low as if in pious humility. Once there was also a field of buckwheat, and this field was exactly opposite to old willow-tree. The buckwheat did not bend like the other grain, but erected its head proudly and stiffly on the stem. “I am as valuable as any other corn,” said he, “and I am much handsomer; my flowers are as beautiful as the bloom of the apple blossom, and it is a pleasure to look at us. Do you know of anything prettier than we are, you old willow-tree?”

And the willow-tree nodded his head, as if he would say, “Indeed I do.”

But the buckwheat spread itself out with pride, and said, “Stupid tree; he is so old that grass grows out of his body.”

There arose a very terrible storm. All the field-flowers folded their leaves together, or bowed their little heads, while the storm passed over them, but the buckwheat stood erect in its pride. “Bend your head as we do,” said the flowers.

“I have no occasion to do so,” replied the buckwheat.

“Bend your head as we do,” cried the ears of corn; “the angel of the storm is coming; his wings spread from the sky above to the earth beneath. He will strike you down before you can cry for mercy.”

“But I will not bend my head,” said the buckwheat.

“Close your flowers and bend your leaves,” said the old willow-tree. “Do not look at the lightning when the cloud bursts; even men cannot do that. In a flash of lightning heaven opens, and we can look in; but the sight will strike even human beings blind. What then must happen to us, who only grow out of the earth, and are so inferior to them, if we venture to do so?”

“Inferior, indeed!” said the buckwheat. “Now I intend to have a peep into heaven.” Proudly and boldly he looked up, while the lightning flashed across the sky as if the whole world were in flames.

When the dreadful storm had passed, the flowers and the corn raised their drooping heads in the pure still air, refreshed by the rain, but the buckwheat lay like a weed in the field, burnt to blackness by the lightning. The branches of the old willow-tree rustled in the wind, and large water-drops fell from his green leaves as if the old willow were weeping. Then the sparrows asked why he was weeping, when all around him seemed so cheerful. “See,” they said, how the sun shines, and the clouds float in the blue sky. Do you not smell the sweet perfume from flower and bush? Wherefore do you weep, old willow-tree?” Then the willow told them of the haughty pride of the buckwheat, and of the punishment which followed in consequence.

This is the story told me by the sparrows one evening when I begged them to relate some tale to me.”
Plot Analysis

Directions: Fill out the following plot chart with a quick summary of the parts of plot. Then answer the questions that follow.

1. Describe the setting of the story. Where does it take place and when? Who are the characters of the story? Support with evidence from the text.

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Lesson 3 – Developing Plot

Directions: Today, you will begin to work on a narrative! The narrative will be short at first, but we will be rewriting it a number of times to revise for various narrative elements as we cover them throughout the unit. Stories can be tough to brainstorm, so for our first one, we’re going to start with a super, super short story inspired by the shortest story ever. After you read the story, brainstorm some ideas for a full narrative and fill out the plot graphic organizer. Then, write!

For sale: Shovel. Used once.

Brainstorm! Write down your ideas for a story based on the “story” above.

1. Who are your main characters for your story?

2. Where does your story take place? When does it take place?

3. What is the main idea of your story?
Vocabulary Pages, Puzzles, and Quizzes

Teaching vocabulary is an important part of any lesson. The Student Dictionary is a great way to help students learn, acquire, and use new words they will encounter in *Percy Jackson*. The vocabulary resources will assist students in building their dictionary and engage them in a variety of ways to maximize vocabulary expansion based on the challenging words the resources identify from each chapter of the novel.
# Chapters 1-2 Vocabulary

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Building Background: ____________________________

Definition:

Part of Speech
☐ Noun
☐ Verb
☐ Adjective
☐ Adverb
☐ Other

Synonyms

Antonyms

Examples

1. Since I did not understand the farmer’s ___________ s__, I was confused when it said “make a stake”.

2. Visitors to the country sometimes have a hard time grasping the _________________ of the English language.

Semantic Map

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the rumors that he planned to move to Europe, but people kept

20 - He tried hard to move to Europe, but everyone kept

19 - Synonym: Call or con vene

18 - We expressed our

17 - For our parents, loss by sleeping flowers.

16 - My boss let some of my coworkers leave earlier than everyone else.

15 - Annoy or intolerable

14 - Seriously thoughtful, depressed in spirits

13 - My neighbors play loud music and leave trash all over the place.

12 - Demonstrative or disrespectful

11 - Synonym: Argument or disagreement

10 - These days need to be taught respect.

9 - My grandparents think kids are

8 - Synonym: Decompose into small parts

7 - To break or decompose into small parts

6 - Suddenly or carelessly in a way that shows a lack of trust

5 - Carelessly or carelessly in a way that shows a lack of trust

4 - Position with a different company.

3 - I was going to take another

2 - The current leader.

1 - She agreed to help wash the car even though her dad offered to pay

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2 - Perse Jackson: The Lightning Thief Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle

11 Chapters 1-11

Date:

Name:
# Vocabulary Quiz – Chapters 1-11

Directions: Match the following definition, synonym, antonym or fill-in-the-blank answer with the correct vocabulary word. For an extra credit point, place a star next to your name.

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<td>a. They all stood <em>as</em> the honorable veterans marched by.</td>
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<td>2. <em>Immortal</em></td>
<td>b. Synonym: Container or holder</td>
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<td>3. <em>Hallucination</em></td>
<td>c. He waited at the <em>not entering until he was formally invited.</em></td>
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<td>4. <em>Conscience</em></td>
<td>d. Relating to the meaning of words or language</td>
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<td>5. <em>Conscious</em></td>
<td>e. Antonym: Unaware or unresponsive</td>
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<td>6. <em>Reverently</em></td>
<td>f. Take the place of someone in a position of power</td>
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<td>7. <em>Pseudonym</em></td>
<td>g. Synonym: Illusion or a vision</td>
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<td>8. <em>Threshold</em></td>
<td>h. To make disappear – either a feeling or belief</td>
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<td>9. <em>Dispel</em></td>
<td>i. He looked <em>after the funeral, so I brought ice cream to try and cheer him up.</em></td>
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<td>10. <em>Sullen</em></td>
<td>j. An angry argument or disagreement</td>
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<td>11. <em>Hospitality</em></td>
<td>k. They <em>their newly reconstructed house with pride.</em></td>
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<td>12. <em>Appraised</em></td>
<td>l. Synonym: Accommodation or reception</td>
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<td>13. <em>Bitterness</em></td>
<td>m. Antonym: Necessary or irreplaceable</td>
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<td>14. <em>Receptacle</em></td>
<td>n. Seriously thoughtful, depressed in spirits</td>
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<td>15. <em>Usurp</em></td>
<td>o. Although people are not <em>sometimes they act like they can’t die.</em></td>
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<td>16. <em>Quarrel</em></td>
<td>p. I used to <em>my little brother when we were young by hiding his toys and scaring him at night.</em></td>
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<td>17. <em>Disposable</em></td>
<td>q. Anger or disappointment at being treated unfairly</td>
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<td>18. <em>Melancholy</em></td>
<td>r. The officer’s questions pulled at my <em>I knew I should tell the truth but I just couldn’t.</em></td>
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<td>19. <em>Torment</em></td>
<td>s. Too extreme to bear</td>
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<td>20. <em>Insufferable</em></td>
<td>t. A fake name, especially used by an author</td>
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Assessments, Comprehension Quizzes, and Essays

After students complete the chapter analysis, close reading assignments, and vocabulary pages, they will know *Percy Jackson* inside and out. The Common-Core aligned assessments will then help you measure how well students are understanding the text and how well they can apply the literary skills taught throughout the unit.
# Chapter Comprehension Quizzes

## Chapter 1 Quiz Questions

1. What is the name of Percy's friend?
2. Who attacks Percy in the museum?
3. What does Percy use to fight this person from #2 off?

## Chapter 2 Quiz Questions

1. According to Grover, what is his job?
2. What were the old ladies knitting at the bus stop?
3. Where is Percy going for the summer?

## Chapter 3 Quiz Questions

1. What nickname does Percy have for his stepfather?
2. Where do Percy and his mother go for a vacation?
3. What two animals does Percy dream about?

## Chapter 4 Quiz Questions

1. What is Grover officially?
2. What monster does Percy face?
3. What does Percy use to defeat the monster?

## Chapter 5 Quiz Questions

1. Who is Chiron?
2. Who is Mr. D?
3. What game do they play?
Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief Final Assessment and Exam

Match the correct quote OR description to the right character.

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| 1. _____ Percy | a. "Framing somebody to start a war. Oldest trick in the book...In a way, you got me to thank for your little quest."
| 2. _____ Grover | b. "Bad enough I'm confined to this miserable job, working with boys who don't even believe!"
| 3. _____ Annabeth | c. "You say that as if it's a bad thing, Percy. But you don't realize how important you are. I thought Yancy Academy would be far enough away. I thought you'd finally be safe."
| 4. _____ Luke | d. "I wondered how she could say that. What was so great about me? A dyslexic, hyperactive boy with a D+ report card, kicked out of school for the sixth time in six years."
| 5. _____ Chiron | e. "He never wanted a baby. When he got me, he asked Athena to take me back and raise me on Olympus because he was too busy with his work."
| 6. _____ Mr. D | f. "Ah, that would be my pen. Please bring your own writing utensil in the future, Mr. Jackson."
| 7. _____ Ares | g. "...whatever else you do, know that you are mine. You are a true son of the Sea God"
| 8. _____ Poseidon | h. "Your father directed you into the throne room on Olympus. You took the master bolt and my helm."
| 9. _____ Hades | i. "I should've told you the truth from the beginning. His voice trembled. "I thought if you knew what a failure I was, you wouldn't want me along."
| 10. _____ Sally Jackson | j. "That's supposed to make me love them? Their precious 'Western civilization' is a disease, Percy. It's killing the world. The only way to stop it is to burn it to the ground, start over with something more honest."
Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Written from Percy's point of view in choppy, attitude-filled prose, there are two levels of fun in THE LIGHTING THIEF. One is the fast-paced quest of a young hero and his friends to save the world. The characters aren't emotionally involving, but nonetheless this part is exciting, suspenseful, and very satisfying. Children who don't know much mythology can still enjoy the breakneck adventure on its own.

For those who do know Greek myths, or those inspired to learn about them, there's another level of fun here -- laughing at the wicked ways the author has updated the gods and monsters for the 21st century. Ares is a cross between a Hell's Angel and a professional wrestler, a math teacher is a harpy in disguise, and demigods can communicate by IMing -- Iris messaging (you'll have to read it to get the details on that one). A fun read for anyone, and a great read-aloud for a class studying mythology. (Excerpt from Common Sense Media)

1. _______ Which sentence best shows an opinion of the author of the above passage?
   a. "The characters aren't emotionally involving"
   b. "A fun read for anyone, and a great read-aloud for a class studying mythology."
   c. "Written from Percy's point of view in choppy, attitude-filled prose, there are two levels of fun"
   d. "One is the fast-paced quest of a young hero and his friends to save the world"

2. _______ What is the point of view of the above passage?
   a. First Person
   b. Third Person Objective
   c. Third Person Omniscient
   d. Third Person Limited

3. _______ Which detail best supports the main idea of the above passage?
   a. "...demigods can communicate by IMing -- Iris messaging (you'll have to read it to get the details on that one)."
   b. "Children who don't know much mythology can still enjoy the breakneck adventure on its own."
   c. "A fun read for anyone, and a great read-aloud for a class studying mythology."
   d. "Ares is a cross between a Hell's Angel and a professional wrestler"

4. _______ Which word best describes the author's overall tone towards the novel?
   a. Skeptical
   b. Indifferent
   c. Melancholy
   d. Enthusiastic

5. _______ What is the purpose of the above passage?
   a. The author's purpose is to entertain readers with details from the novel.
   b. The author's purpose is to inform readers about the novel and those who would enjoy it.
   c. The author's purpose is to describe the various events and themes of the novel for students.
   d. The author's purpose is to persuade readers to purchase the novel.

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Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief Final Essay

Essay Analysis (TDA): The plot of Percy Jackson is driven by specific events that take place. Write an essay analyzing how the novel draws on elements *commonly* found in myths. Use evidence from the novel to support your response. Write a Text-Dependent Analysis essay (5 paragraphs) with thesis, 3 topics, and quotes for all the body paragraphs.
Cabin Competition and Projects

The Cabin Competitions serve to creatively engage your students, create a spirited learning environment, and celebrate academic successes. These resources will help you organize your students for the competition and provide ideas and systems to put into place to ensure it runs smoothly. Pick and choose from the resources based on what you believe is right for you and your classroom. Finally, the projects are a great way to end the unit, integrating all the knowledge students have gained from their hard work and having fun along the way.
Cabin Competitions and Points System Alignment
In an effort to reinforce and reward positive behavior, points are earned. However, feel free to take off points from cabins for behavior, etc. if it is appropriate for your classroom context.

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<td>1 point if all questions are answered correctly</td>
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<td>Winning with Words</td>
<td>1 point each time a vocabulary word is used correctly in class and heard by the teacher</td>
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<td>Up to teacher discretion how to give points for this Jeopardy-style competition. Points for places is a great way to do it – 11 points for first, 10 for second, and so on.</td>
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Cabin Conduct Contract
For the entire *Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief* unit, cabins are going to compete in various competitions! One of the competitions is based on your conduct in class. The following chart outlines the three conduct categories that will be scored on a daily basis. Cabins earn points! Therefore, I expect that you will be positive with your teammates and pick them up if they are falling behind.

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<td>All cabin members are in uniform the entire class (without reminders) = 1 point</td>
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<td>Attendance</td>
<td>All cabin members are present and on time = 1 point</td>
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1. I, __________________________, agree to try my best to fulfill the cabin conduct contract. I understand that I can earn points. I also agree to be positive with my cabin team members or may face consequences as a result.
   Cabin Member Signature: __________________________

2. I, __________________________, agree to try my best to fulfill the cabin conduct contract. I understand that I can earn points. I also agree to be positive with my cabin team members or may face consequences as a result.
   Cabin Member Signature: __________________________

3. I, __________________________, agree to try my best to fulfill the cabin conduct contract. I understand that I can earn points. I also agree to be positive with my cabin team members or may face consequences as a result.
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Cabin Quiz!
Circle the box that best describes YOU!

Someone just got injured on the playground! You...

| 1. Put on some makeup, the news might show up. | 5. Worry about the injury, you might have to save them. | 9. Run up and congratulate the kid for not crying! |
| 2. Run and help, you definitely know first aid. | 6. Bake something for the kid, that'll make them happy. | 10. Think to yourself that someone should call for help. |
| 3. Tell everyone what to do, they'll listen of course. | 7. Bummer. That injury is going to have a hard time healing. | 11. Keep sitting on the bench, there are enough people already. |
| 4. Hold the injured person's hand, it'll be ok. | 8. Gather nearby materials and quickly make a sling. | |

What is your favorite animal?

| 4. Rabbit | 8. Dragon | |

What is your favorite sport/hobby?


Which most describes you? (Be honest!)

| 4. Kind | 8. Strong | |

Favorite Color


Which power do you most desire?

| 1. Make anyone fall in love | 5. Power to bring back the dead | 9. Mighty strength |
| 4. Power to grow anything | 8. Power to create and invent | |

# Circled MOST: _______  # Circled next to most: _______
Common Core Aligned Unit Plan – 30 Lessons!

The following resources will help you effectively plan and implement any and all components of the unit. The Unit Plan maps out the Common Core State Standards covered in each lesson, driving activities for each lesson, resources needed to execute each lesson, and essential questions and understandings for each lesson. It provides a vision for learning, and is paced for approximately 30 days of learning in an ELA classroom.
UNIT OVERVIEW

Potential Uses
All unit components, which are aligned to the Common Core State Standards, can be used for an ELA classroom and integrated into your Social Studies curriculum. Teachers that instruct students in both subjects can use the resources to develop a cross-curricular experience. Regardless, the materials provide a comprehensive unit of study for Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief. All the materials enable deep engagement with the text while developing critical thinking and literary analysis skills. With the chapter-by-chapter analysis, nonfiction close readings, fiction close readings, writing mini-lessons, rigorous homework assignments, assessments, vocabulary, project extensions, and the cabin competition, you and your students will be set up for success from beginning to end of your unit.

Unit Vision
By the end of the unit, students will have developed their ability to perform essential literary and writing skills in alignment with the Common Core State Standards. All the materials are aligned with the standards in order to give students ample opportunity for cultivating their abilities. Equally as important, students will not only deeply study Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief but also numerous topics related to Ancient Greece. As a result, students will be able to exercise their creativity and critical thinking abilities as they develop meaningful connections across time and space.

Essential Standards vs. Daily Supporting Standards
The lesson plans provided list the Common Core State Standards addressed each day. It is important to note, though, these Essential Standards are only one component of each lesson; also included are what I like to call Daily Supporting Standards.
- Essential Standards are the CCSS aligned skill(s) that are the deliberate focus for the day’s lesson. They are the skills students will specifically learn through the mini-lessons and practice and typically change day-to-day.
- Daily Supporting Standards may not be explicitly listed, but we know their importance. They have been deliberately embedded in each day’s content because we also know the more opportunities we give students to practice, the more they will improve. Therefore, you can expect each lesson to also see students refine key skills, such as summarizing the text, identifying key details, and citing evidence to support what the text says explicitly as well as implicitly.

Student Groupings and Options for Differentiation
Each lesson plan outlines the day’s activities, the work students perform, and the tasks they will complete. The plans are like a big map, leaving you to choose which route you want to travel. Thus, the resources can be implemented in myriad ways, from student pairs to groups to pull-outs. I occasionaly offer my suggestions, but made the resources flexible because I know every classroom is unique. In the end, the resources will enable implementation that will suit the needs of your classroom.
# Lesson 1

Building Background Knowledge, Introduction to Cabin Competition, Introduction to Narratives

**Essential Question(s):**
- What are the elements of a myth?
- What are the elements of a narrative?

**Essential Standard(s) Covered:**
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.7.3: Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).

**Lesson Overview and Resources:**
- Students will complete a bell ringer and then be introduced to the vocab pages — learning the words of the day through direct instruction (total of 5 words to have students practice the semantic map). Students will read creation myths from a variety of cultures in order to determine similarities and differences between them. Students will analyze the myths for common mythical elements. Students will also be introduced to the cabin competition and take the cabin quiz so they can be sorted into groups for the next day. Finally, students will learn about the basic elements of narratives in order to establish background for composing their own narratives. Students will identify those elements through a short film.

**Resources:**
- Building Background Knowledge and Chapter 1 Vocab Pages, Building Background Knowledge Lesson, Lesson 1 – Intro to Narratives, Cabin Quiz, PPT Presentation, Exit Ticket
- Access to Internet and computer - myths are not provided but can be found here - [The Big Myth Website](#) – feel free to print or have students access. Egypt and Greece are excellent myth options.
- Pixar short video is suggested for lesson and is not provided. Pixar Short Films Collection is available for purchase on a variety of sites such as Amazon.

**Homework:**
- *Percy Jackson* Chapter 1 Reading and Chapter Analysis

**Assessment:**
- Exit Ticket – What elements of a myth are unique?
# Lesson 2

## Chapter 1 Close Readings, Cabin Competition Kick-Off, and Narrative Plots

### Essential Question(s):
- How does the author’s point of view affect the reader’s understanding of the text?

### Standards Covered:
- **CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.7.5**: Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to the development of the ideas.
- **CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.7.6**: Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a text.
- **CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.7.3**: Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).

### Lesson Overview:
- Students start class with a bell ringer, and then are placed into their cabins. The class reviews the competitions and points system. Cabins are given a token on which to draw a symbol that represents their group. Class resumes with a guided lesson through Chapter 2 vocabulary words. Next, students complete the Chapter 1 nonfiction close reading and make connections to the chapter. Students reread parts of Chapter 1 to complete the fiction close reading lesson. Students end the class viewing the short videos to identify the elements of plot.

### Resources:
- Chapter 2 Vocab Pages, Close Readings Chapter 1 – Frieze and Kronos, Chapter 1 – Point of View, Lesson 2 – Plot Practice 1, Cabin Sorting and Competition Overview, PPT Presentation, Exit Ticket
- Pixar short video is suggested for lesson and is **not provided**. Pixar Short Films Collection is available for purchase on a variety of sites such as Amazon

### Homework:
- *Percy Jackson* Chapter 2 Reading and Chapter Analysis

### Assessment:
- Exit Ticket – Why might a reader of *Percy Jackson* trust the narrator?
Answer Keys!

For every resource, there are answer keys. Answer keys provide potential answers for short and long essays, rubrics to assess writing, and the correct answers for more straightforward comprehension and vocabulary assessments. They will help you know when students are demonstrating their proficiency.
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