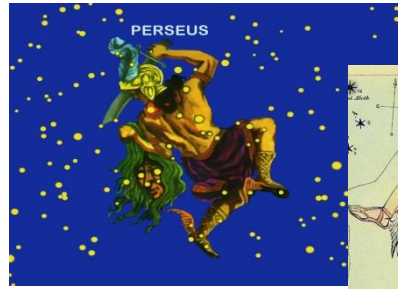


Perseus and the Gorgon

Chapter One

The Sea Monster



Long ago and deep beneath the sea, there lived a monster. This monster was ten times bigger than any whale. Its mouth was as wide as a cave, and its teeth were sharper than spears.

For years, the monster prowled the deep sea near Ancient Greece. Feeding on sharks and giant squid, it was kept firmly under control by Poseidon, God of the Seas. But lately... the monster had been eating men.

Bursting from the depths, it smashed through ships, scattering fishermen into the water. Then it opened up its cavernous mouth and gobbled them up with one snap of its jaws.

Villagers living near the sea were terrified of the monster which they had named Cetus. Not knowing what else to do, they marched in a group to the royal palace, demanding to see the king.

“Cetus is murdering our fishermen!” they yelled to him. “Send your guards to kill it. You must destroy the monster!”

King Cepheus came out onto his balcony and gazed down at the angry villagers with a troubled frown. He had no idea where to start in order to save his people and his kingdom.

He went back to his throne, deep in thought. Cetus was a menace, and it was all his wife’s fault. She had boasted that their beautiful daughter, Andromeda, was more beautiful than the mermaids who served Poseidon – so Poseidon had let the monster go wild.

In desperation, King Cepheus consulted a priest. The priest’s advice appalled him.

“There is only one way to pacify Poseidon. You must offer your only



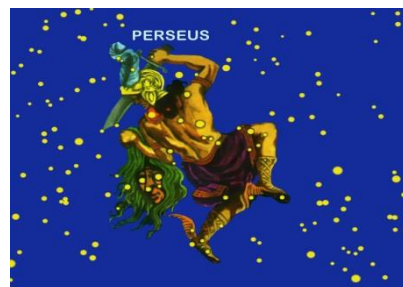
daughter to the monster as a sacrifice.”

The king and queen were grief-stricken and their young daughter, Andromeda, was petrified.

None of them knew that help was on the way – and from a surprising young man.

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Chapter One Worksheet



1. Who or what was Cetus?
2. Where did he live?

3. Who had control over Cetus?
4. What was the king's name?
5. What did the villagers ask the king to do?
6. Why did they ask this?
7. Who was Andromeda and why is she important in the story?
8. What do you think will happen next?
9. Why do you think this?



Use your dictionary to find definitions for the following words:

myth

ancient

cavernous

menace

appalled

pacify

grief-stricken

petrified

prowl

Don't forget...your "Clarifier" may already have helped with some of these!



Finished everything so far?

Choose any three words and write a sentence for each one. (You can choose more if you want to!)

