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## **The Characteristics of the Greek Hero – Notes**

### **I. When we think of the word “hero”, what comes to mind?**

- a. Superman? Batman? Fireman? Police Officer?

### **II. What makes a hero in Greek mythology?**

- a. Having one \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Being \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Being the subject of a \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. *What's that?*
- d. Being \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ or while very young
- e. Performing an amazing \_\_\_\_\_ at a young age
- f. Going on a \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Traveling to the \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Dying an \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. *What's that?*

### **III. Half-Gods**

- a. Heroes are often called “\_\_\_\_\_” because one parent is \_\_\_\_\_ and the other is \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Most famous heroes were the offspring of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, but sometimes the parent was a \_\_\_\_\_, such as Aphrodite.
- c. The gods then favored their offspring and provided them with \_\_\_\_\_ needed to help them succeed.

### **IV. Prophecy/Abandoned at Birth**

- a. A \_\_\_\_\_ was put into place after the birth of a hero.
- b. Often the prediction frightened the parents so much that they \_\_\_\_\_ the child in the wilderness.

- c. But since the heroic child was \_\_\_\_\_ by the gods, he was \_\_\_\_\_ and raised by someone other than his parents.
- d. Sometimes, through no fault of the \_\_\_\_\_, the child needed to be \_\_\_\_\_

#### **V. Performing an amazing feat at a young age**

- a. Young heroes found a way to \_\_\_\_\_ at a very young age.
- b. Heracles (Hercules) killed \_\_\_\_\_ as a toddler.
- c. These events were a heads up that \_\_\_\_\_ were in store for our heroes

#### **VI. Quests**

- a. Heroes made the world a \_\_\_\_\_ by righting a wrong.
- b. Heroes wanted their names to live \_\_\_\_\_, since they could not

#### **VII. Travel to the Underworld**

- a. The hero had to confront \_\_\_\_\_ and come back stronger.
- b. Heroes were \_\_\_\_\_, so confronting death allowed them to face their own \_\_\_\_\_

#### **VIII. Shameful Death**

- a. The hero had \_\_\_\_\_ qualities, but also had many \_\_\_\_\_ which lead some of them to their death.
- b. These flaws would then \_\_\_\_\_ the outcome of a quest or hinder the Heroes abilities causing them to be in a \_\_\_\_\_ situation.
- c. Example: Ego