

***The Lightning Thief* ch. 1-11**

Discussion Questions

1. Describe the setting of the story. What kind of world does our main character live in? Does that change? What about the setting changes as the story progresses?
2. What kind of student is Percy? What troubles does he have in school?
3. What do you know about dyslexia and ADHD? How would that affect your ability to learn in class? Function in life?
4. How does Percy fit the archetype of a hero even before he learns he is a demi-god? What about him doesn't fit?
5. What does Percy learn about the Greek Gods when he gets to Camp Half-Blood? What is his reaction?

6. What appears to be the main problem in this story? What are some other problems that need to be resolved?
7. What feelings does Percy have about his quest to the Underworld? What does this tell us about Percy's character?
8. Who is helping Percy on his quest? How do these characters fit the archetypes described by Joseph Campbell in his monomyth theory?
9. What challenges and trials has Percy had to face up to this point? How has each affected Percy and the other characters?
10. Think about the story so far. How has the story of Percy Jackson fit with the Hero's Journey as described by Joseph Campbell? Does this read like a classic hero's tale or is it different in any key ways so far?