Jason Notes

-son of Aeson and Alcimede/Polymede/Amphinome at Iolcos
-Aeson the son of Tyro and Cretheus
-Pelias the son of Tyro and Poseidon
-Aeson the rightful king, overthrown by Pelias
    - Pelias spares Aeson but kills all the descendants he can
- Alcimede saves Jason by having mourners pretend he's still-born
- Jason sent to Chiron
- Pelias told by oracle to beware man with one sandal
- Jason returns to Iolcos to claim throne, helping an old woman (Hera) across the river Anauros
    - loses sandal in the river
- Pelias tells him he must get the golden fleece to become king; Jason accepts

Golden Fleece Backstory
- Athamas, king of Orchomenus, leaves Nephele to marry Ino
- Ino plots to have Athamas's son and daughter (Phrixus and Helle) by Nephele killed
    - bribes Delphi to say Phrixus must be sacrificed
- Golden, winged ram appears and saves Phrixus on the altar, carries the kids away
- Helle falls into Hellespont
- Phrixus makes it to Colchis, Aeetes welcomes him, Phrixus sacrifices ram to Zeus and gives fleece to Aeetes

The Argo
- built by Argus
- Hera protector
- prow with wood from Dodona that speaks prophecies

The Argonauts
- Boreads (sons of Boreas, North Wind) – Zetes and Calais – winged/flying
- Heracles, Orpheus, Philoctetes, Theseus, Atalanta
- Peleus (Achilles's dad)
- Telamon (Ajax Telamon's dad)
- Castor and Pollux
- Euphemus – runs on water
- Iphiclus – runs on grain
- Idmon (seer, foresees own death, joins anyway, dies by boar)
- Mopsus (seer, bitten by viper)
- Periclymenus – shapeshifter

Lemnos
-women didn't worship Aphrodite so she makes them smell & husbands get Thracian women
-Lemnos women kill husbands; King Thoas saved and put to sea by his daughter Hypsipyle, who becomes queen of the island without men
-Argonauts visit and "mingle"

Cyzicus

- king of Doliones, who welcome the Argonauts
- Heracles fights off the Gegeines giants who attack the ships
- Justice League Syndrome
    - Hylas collecting water, seduced by river nymphs
    - Heracles goes looking for Hylas, can't find him
    - Heracles goes back to Labors
- Argonauts depart, get confused, land; Doliones mistake them as enemies; Cyzicus killed

Phineas/Phineus

- blind seer whose food was stolen every day by the Harpies (half-bird, half-women)
- Zetes and Calais chase the Harpies off
- Iris swears by the Styx that the Harpies will leave Phineas alone
- Phineas tells the Argonauts how to make it through the Symplegades (Clashing Rocks)
    - sends a dove through; it loses tail feathers
    - Argo makes it through taking some stern damage

Colchis

- Aeetes gives him three tasks to get the fleece
- Hera persuades Aphrodite to make Eros make witch Medea (Aeetes's daughter) fall in love with Jason
- Plow a field with fire-breathing oxen; Medea provides flameproof ointment
- Sow dragon's teeth into the same field; army sprouts (spartoi); throws rock in the middle; they kill each other
- Sleepless dragon guards Fleece; Medea drugs it to sleep
- Jason and Medea escape; she kills her brother Absyrtus/Apsyrtus
    - throws pieces in sea & Aeetes stops to pick them up

Return

- Zeus blows off course; Argonauts cleansed of Absyrtus's murder by Circe
- Orpheus drowns out the Sirens' songs
- Bronze giant Talos throws rocks at them from Crete; only had one blood vessel from neck to ankle; Medea puts him to sleep & pulls out the nail so he bleeds to death
- Medea tricks Pelias's daughters into cutting him up so she can make him younger; demonstrates with sheep; doesn't add herbs to Pelias's cauldron and he dies
- Pelias's son Acastus drives them into exile and they go to Corinth

Death

- Jason becomes engaged to Creusa/Glauce, daughter of King Creon of Corinth
- Medea offended because she's helped so much; Jason says he thanks Aphrodite, not her
- Medea gives Creusa a dress that burns her alive & burns Creon helping her
- Medea kills her own sons by Jason & flees in chariot sent by grandfather Helios
- Jason and Peleus attack Acastus & reclaim Iolcos for Jason

- After betraying Medea, Jason lost favor with Hera; dies alone and unhappy
- Asleep under the stern of the Argo when it breaks off and kills him