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## ***Perseus* by Edith Hamilton**

**Directions:** Read the myth online found on my teacher webpage and fill in the correct answer on the line/s provided.

### **EDITH HAMILTON**

1. At what age did Edith Hamilton begin a second career? What did she do?

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2. What year and where was Edith Hamilton born?

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3. Where did Edith Hamilton grow up?

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4. At what college did Hamilton study? What did she study?

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5. What did Hamilton do for a living in 1896 and for how long?

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6. What were Hamilton's theories of education based on?

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7. In what year did Hamilton publish her first book and what was the name of that book?

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8. What is Hamilton's most famous work and when was it published?

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9. What did Hamilton believe about the Greeks?

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## LITERARY ELEMENTS

1. What is the definition of Archetype?

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2. What is the definition of Plot Pattern Archetype?

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3. Provide one example from the myth of *Perseus* for Plot Pattern Archetype:

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4. What is the definition of Stock Character? Provide one example from the myth of *Perseus*.

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5. What is the definition of Symbol?

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6. Explain how you think Medusa could be a symbol.

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7. What is the definition of Myth and what are its characteristics?

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8. Explain Genre:

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## STORY

1. Acrisius of Argos had a daughter named \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Acrisius traveled to the priestess at Delphi (Apollo's oracle) and asked if he would ever have a son. The priestess told him no, and even worse, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. To ensure the priestess' prophecy would not come true, Acrisius built a \_\_\_\_\_ of bronze with only a hole in the ceiling for air and sun, place his daughter in it, and sunk it underground.
4. Zeus came to her in a shower of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Acrisius had mother and child put in a \_\_\_\_\_ and set adrift. They floated to a little island.
6. They were rescued by a good fisherman named \_\_\_\_\_. His brother, Polydectes, was the wicked \_\_\_\_\_ of the island.
7. To entrap Perseus, Polydectes announced that he was to be married. As a wedding gift, Perseus pledged to bring back the head of \_\_\_\_\_.

8. To find and kill the Gorgon, Perseus needed all the help he could get. Athena/Minerva gave him a \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Hermes/Mercury gave Perseus a \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Hermes took Perseus to the gray women where he stole their \_\_\_\_\_ in exchange for directions to the nymphs of the North.

11. The nymphs of the North gave Perseus 3 gifts: \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Outside the Gorgon's cave, to avoid looking directly at \_\_\_\_\_, Perseus used his \_\_\_\_\_ as a mirror.

13. He killed the monster by cutting off her head and put it in the magic \_\_\_\_\_.

14. On his way back, he came to Ethiopia and found the maiden named \_\_\_\_\_,  
daughter of King \_\_\_\_\_, and Queen \_\_\_\_\_.

15. The queen had offended the Nereids daughters of Nereus (Poseidon/Neptune) by claiming she was more \_\_\_\_\_ than they were.

16. The daughter was then put on a rocky edge as a sacrifice to the sea-serpent, but Perseus killed the serpent by \_\_\_\_\_.

17. The maiden and Perseus were married and he returned to his mother to find that she and the fisherman were in hiding from the evil Polydectes. To punish Polydectes, he used the Gorgon's head to turn Polydectes and his followers to \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Although Perseus went in search of his grandfather to make amends, the prophecy of the Delphic oracle had to be fulfilled. Without intending to, Perseus killed his evil grandfather with a heavy bronze \_\_\_\_\_ at an athletic contest in Larissa.
19. Perseus gave the Gorgon's head to \_\_\_\_\_, and an image of it was carved into Zeus' shield, which is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Andromeda, Cassiopeia, Cepheus, and Perseus eventually became \_\_\_\_\_ in the heavens.