Name _____ Completed packets will be collected on the first day of school.

2016 8th Grade Summer Reading : The Lightning Thief and The Sea of Monsters by Rick Riordan

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan Study Guide

Recalling literature: Identify each of the following characters or things as they relate to the novel. Page numbers are provided. Be sure to give full information. Answers like "a school" or "a teacher" are not acceptable; give some details. Does not have to be in complete sentences.

1. (1) Yancy Academy_____

2. (2) Mr. Brunner _____

3. (3) Grover Underwood _____

4. (13) Mr. Brunner's pen _____

5. (29) Sally Jackson _____

6. (30) "Smelly" Gabe Ugliano _____

7. (34-37) Montauk, Long Island _____

8. (45/155) Mist _____

9. (50) Pasiphae's son _____

10. (55) Monster's horn_____

11. (62) Annabeth Chase _____

12. (62/74) Chiron _____

13. (62/70) Mr. D _____

14. (84) Luke _____

15. (89) Clarisse _____

16. (94-95) half-blood _____

17. (99) Olympus location? _____

18. (114) Thalia _____

19. (149) Annabeth's Yankee cap _____

20. (151) Luke's basketball shoes _____

21. (153) Anaklusmos: _____

22. (171) Aunty Em's Garden Gnome Emporium: _____

23. (195) Gladiola: _____

24. (202-3) Gateway Arch, St. Louis:_____

25. (207) Chihuahua/Chimera:_____

26. (220) I-M'ing: _____

27. (225-6) Ares _____

28. (230) Aphrodite _____

29. (232) Hephaestus _____

30. (258-65) Lotus Casino _____

31. (269) Santa Monica Pier _____

32. (277-79) Crusty's Waterbed Palace _____

33. (283-4) DOA Recording Studios _____

34. (285) Charon _____

35. (295) red rubber ball _____

Now that you are familiar with all the characters, the second book, The Sea of Monsters, will be a lot easier.

The Sea of Monsters by Rick Riordan
For these questions, please list the correct answer and the page number where you found the answer.

1. What does Percy Jackson say is his favorite place in the world?

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2. In the first chapter, Percy dreams that his friend Grover is hiding from a monster.
Based on what you learn later in the story, who or what is this monster?

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3. During gym class, what magical force prevents Coach Nunley from noticing when the visitors turn into monsters?

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4. The letters Percy sees on the door of the taxi in Chapter Three appear jumbled. Why is this?

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What do these letters probably spell out if arranged properly?

5. Who are the “Big Three” gods and what pact did they make after WWII?

According to Percy, why was this pact made?

6. List three items that Hermes gives to Percy for his journey and explain one way in which each of these items helps the heroes on their quest.

7. In the story, Percy is able to command the sea, while Tyson has great strength and keen senses of smell and hearing. Imagine you are the son or daughter of a god and possess an extraordinary ability. Describe the ability you would choose for yourself and how you might use it on the quest.

8. On page 199, Annabeth tells Percy that her fatal flaw is hubris. What does she say hubris means?

Briefly describe one time when you or someone you know acted with hubris.

9. Reread the description of Annabeth’s vision on page 196. What do you think this vision reveals about Annabeth’s true desires?

10. How do Percy’s feelings about Tyson at the end of the story differ from his feelings about Tyson at the beginning of the story? What do you think is the reason for this change?

11. On page 167, Annabeth tells Percy about Chiron’s prophecy and warns, “Knowledge isn’t always good for you.” Do you agree with Annabeth? If there was a prophecy about something that might happen to you in the future, would you want to know about it?

12. After Circe turns Percy into a guinea pig, she tells him he has unlocked his true self. Do you agree with Circe? If so, explain why. If not, when in the book—if ever—do you think Percy does unlock his true self?