

Percy Jackson – Discussion Questions

General Questions:

Did you enjoy the book (or whatever part you read)? Why or why not?

Did you relate to one of the characters in particular and, if so, who and why?

Were you interested in Greek mythology before you read the book? Did it make you want to learn more about Greek mythology or did it bother you that the author took some license with the Greek heroes?

Had you seen the movie before you read the book? Does seeing a movie change your feelings about a book and, if so, how? Did they include the right scenes from the book in the movie?

In-Depth Questions:

The book often references “luck,” “prophecy” and “destiny.” Do you think certain people are simply “unlucky” (ex: Percy thinks his mother has bad luck or that he has been unlucky in school)? Do you think certain people are destined for particular futures or that prophecies come true?

How did you feel about the family relationships in this book? Did the kids’ relationships with their mortal parents feel the same as those with their immortal parents? Was Percy’s father what he expected? Was he what you expected?

Why does Ares love America so much? When he says America is “the best place since Sparta” does he mean that America is as violent as Sparta was in ancient times or is he talking about the pride Spartans had in their nation? Do you think America is more or less violent than other nations today?

Do you think Percy’s difficulty learning certain things in school impacted his success in any way? For example, he has trouble reading English yet he learns ancient Greek very easily. He says he has ADHD but then he is better in battle than almost anyone because he notices everything. Was there ever a time when something you thought of as a weakness actually turned out to be a strength?