

# WASHED MYTHS!

## GREEK HEROES

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- WANTED -

# HERO



MUST BE:

Brave

Willing to fight monsters

Have own sword

Ok with possible gruesome death

\*Being a child of a god an advantage  
but not a requirement



IF THIS IS YOU, APPLY IN PERSON OR BY WINGED HORSE TO:



THE ORACLE OF DELPHI

102 Golden Fleece Way

Ancient Greece

800 BC

\*Minotaurs need not apply

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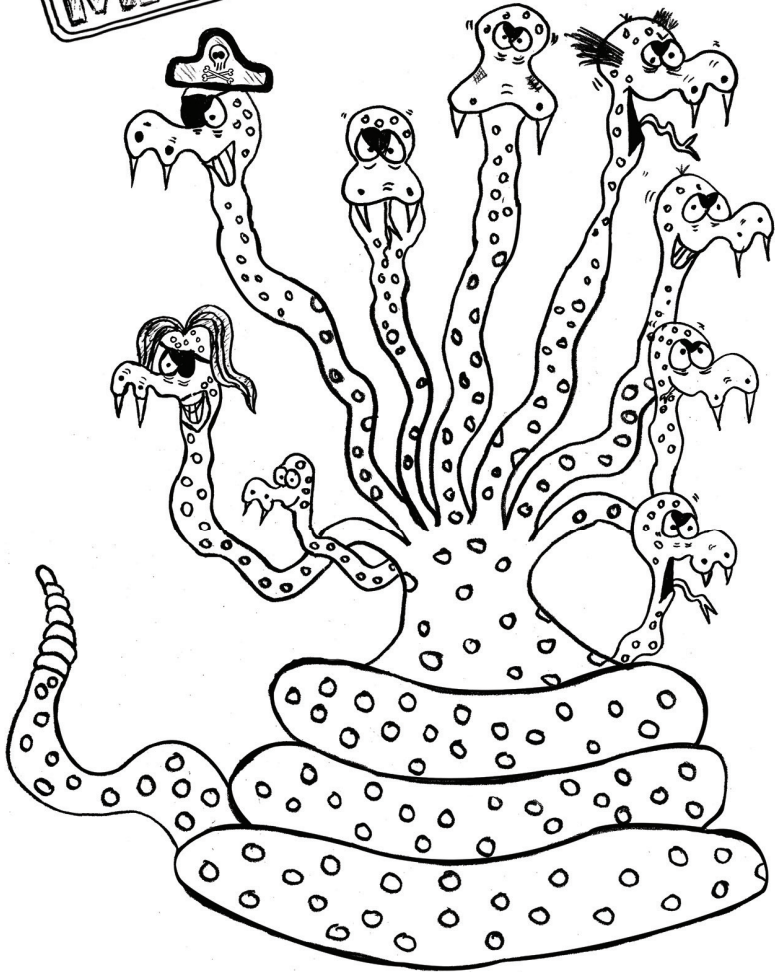
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**WARNING!**  
This myth has been  
**MASHED**



# Tale the First

## Hercules & the Hydra

### PART I



Hercules was a hero. One of the greatest ever. He was very strong, extremely brave, and had great hair. Like, seriously great. He could have been in a shampoo commercial, except he lived in Ancient



Greece and they didn't have TV back then. Or shampoo.

But you get the idea.

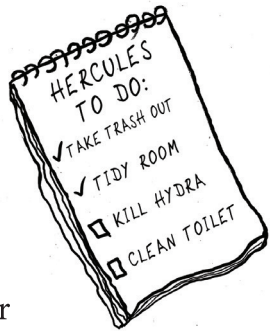


Hercules had to serve the king of Tiryns. I won't go into why because it's pretty gruesome. (Hint: he kind of, sort of, accidentally killed a lot of people.)



Before he was allowed to go free, the king gave Hercules twelve tasks to complete.

Now, twelve tasks doesn't seem like that many. But the king was afraid of Hercules (see previous note about Hercules killing people). So instead of giving him jobs like walking the dog or cleaning the toilet, he gave Hercules twelve extremely



dangerous jobs to do, like, *crazy dangerous*,

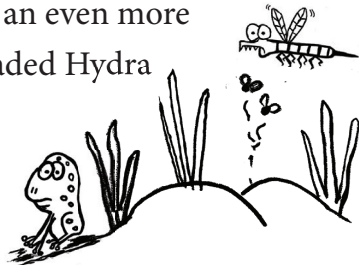


hoping that Hercules would get killed doing them. (Though cleaning the toilet can be very dangerous, especially after your dad's been in there.)

The king told Herc to go kill the savage Nemean Lion. Not only did Hercules kill it, he wore it as a hat! (But only when he was having a bad hair day.)



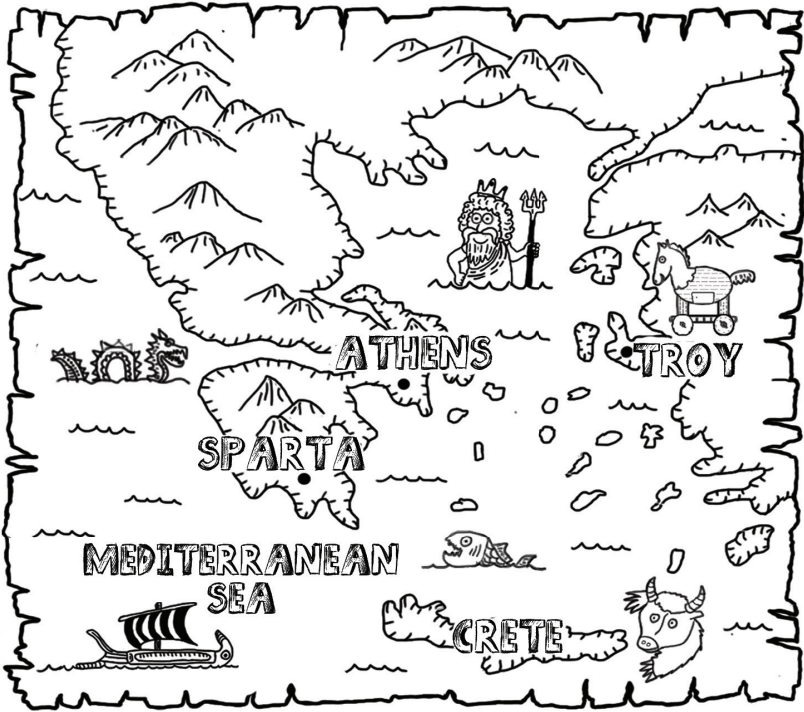
The king was furious that Hercules had survived (and now had a cool hat), so he thought of an even more dangerous task: Kill the nine-headed Hydra monster that lived in the nearby Swamp of Lerna.



# ANCIENT GREEKS - HUH?



The Ancient Greeks lived between 800 BCE and 500 BCE. They lived in Greece (duh!), a country in southeastern Europe.



The Ancient Greeks were great thinkers, warriors, writers, actors, athletes, artists, and politicians.

They invented heaps of things we still use today, like the alarm clock, the Olympics, and the fart bomb.\*

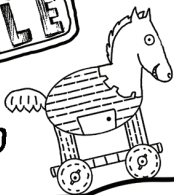


\*Ok, maybe not the fart bomb but I bet they could have.

# FACT FILE

# ANCIENT GREEK

1200  
BCE



Trojan Wars end  
(After 10 years - yikes!)

False  
teeth  
invented

700  
BCE



776  
BCE

First Olympic  
Games held



753  
BCE

Rome  
founded



640  
BCE



Coins invented  
in Turkey

621  
BCE

Absolutely  
nothing happens

Rome  
invents  
the sewer  
system

578  
BCE



508  
BCE

Democracy  
starts in  
Athens



First chicken  
crosses first  
road. 550  
BCE



(no one  
knows why)

**RIGHT  
NOW**

This page of the  
timeline ends and  
you go to the  
next page.



\*BCE = Before Common Era





Tale the Sixth

# Jason & the Farting Harpies

## PART I



Jason, leader of the Argonauts was pretty grossed out. He'd seen a lot of icky stuff already on his



voyage to capture the legendary Golden Fleece: flesh-eating giants,

people getting drowned by

water nymphs, Hercules's bum. But nothing

had prepared him for this.



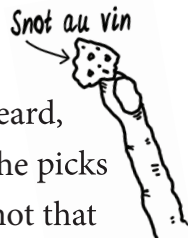
Harpies. That's right. You

heard. Harpies. The absolute worst dinner guests you can have. Ever.

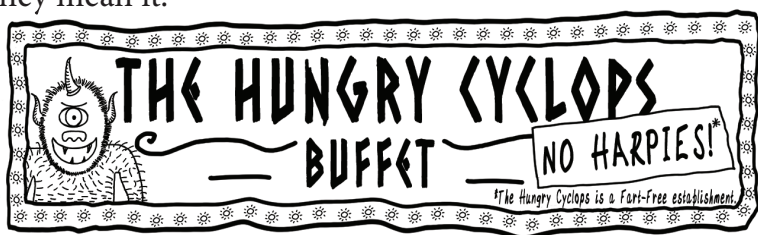
Do you have that friend that picks their nose and then wipes it on their sandwiches? That's not that gross.



Or maybe your dad gets food stuck in his beard, and when you tell him, he picks it out and eats it? That's not that gross either.



Or your auntie, who every time you try to eat, she farts really, really smelly farts on your food? Yes? Well, that is gross and you should ask her to leave immediately because SHE IS OBVIOUSLY A HARPY BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT HARPIES DO! THEY FART AND FART WHENEVER YOU ARE EATING! Not by accident either. They mean it.



Whatever you do, DO NOT INVITE A HARPY TO DINNER unless you're a major fan of fart salad. (And to be honest, how would you even eat fart salad?)



Jason and his crew had set out on their quest months and months ago. He'd put together an absolutely top-notch crew for the trip—Hercules, Theseus, Achilles, Castor and his brother Pollux, Atalanta the Huntress. The list went on. Anyone who was anyone was there. There was a two-monster-slaying minimum

just to get on the wait list. They had a talking boat, the Argo, and a cool name for the gang: The Argonauts!



# REVIEWS FROM OUR READERS

"I haven't read it."  
- J.K. Rowling

~~HERCULES~~

That's not what happened."  
- Hercules



"I'm actually a lot  
smarter than that."  
- Odysseus

"Best cat I ever ate."  
- The Hydra (head #3)

MINOTAURS  
Rool!

"Has anyone seen my cat?"  
- Marjorie Johnson, Neighbor

"Hercules's breath is worse  
than Harry fart's." - Jason

"THE BEST BOOK EVER!  
What? THIS book? Oh, I thought  
you were talking about my  
book." - Another author.

"Very silly" - A  
Serious Person

"Bark!" - Wuffles the  
Wonder Dog



# THE REAL TALES

Want to read the Ancient Myths BEFORE  
they were mashed? Go to

[www.mashedmyths.com](http://www.mashedmyths.com)

where you'll find all the original stories!



## MORE STUFF!

Can't get enough Mashed Myths? Well, here's some  
stuff you can do until the next book comes out!

*\*Mash a myth yourself! That's right!*

*Take any ancient myth and  
GO CRAZY!*



*\*Write your own myth  
(with you as the hero!)*

*\*Design a suit of armor!*

*\*Invent a monster!*

*\*Draw a comic about your  
favorite ancient hero!*



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