

**Quest Unit Essential Question:**

1. Do you believe that things are fated no matter what, or do you believe your actions can change the course of your life? Use specific examples to explain your opinion.
2. Do you think that the ancient Greeks believed in Fate/Destiny or Free Will? Or did they believe in a combination of both? (**Free Will** is the freedom for humans to make choices and decisions that aren't already predetermined by a higher power). Support your answer with specific examples.

**During the Video**

3. Who did the ancient Greeks believe controlled their lives and their deaths?
4. What influenced and shaped a person's life according to the ancient Greeks?
5. What is an oracle and what was their importance in Greek culture?
6. According to the video, how did Danae and Perseus survive?
7. What motivates Perseus to offer King Polydectes his services?
8. Just as Hercules had flaws, so does Perseus. What are some of these personality flaws that are revealed in this myth?
9. What is Athena's advice to Perseus is to think before he acts in order to succeed?
10. Who are the Gray Sisters or the Graeae?
11. How does Perseus convince the Gray Sisters to give him information?
12. How is the next place that Perseus goes to and receives help in finding Medusa different than what you read in the in-class myth reading?

13. What makes Perseus return home eventually?
14. What happens to King Polydectes after Perseus returns home?
15. How does Athena use Medusa's head?
16. How is the oracle's prophecy in the beginning of the myth fulfilled?
17. Eventually what happens to Perseus? What type of "immortality" does he share with Hercules?

**Discuss with a Partner:**

18. What is Perseus's destiny? How do Perseus's decisions and actions lead him toward achieving his fate?
19. What qualities did Perseus need to have in order to fulfill his fate? (\*hint: they aren't all positive qualities) What parts of the myth show this best?
20. A beautiful magical horse, Pegasus, springs from Medusa's neck upon her death. How and why can something so beautiful come from something so monstrous? Discuss events and people where something beautiful or good develops from its opposite.

<b>Percy Jackson &amp; The Olympians</b>	<b>Clash of the Titans</b>
<b>SIMILARITIES TO THE ORIGINAL MYTH</b>	
<b>DIFFERENCES TO THE ORIGINAL MYTH</b>	

