

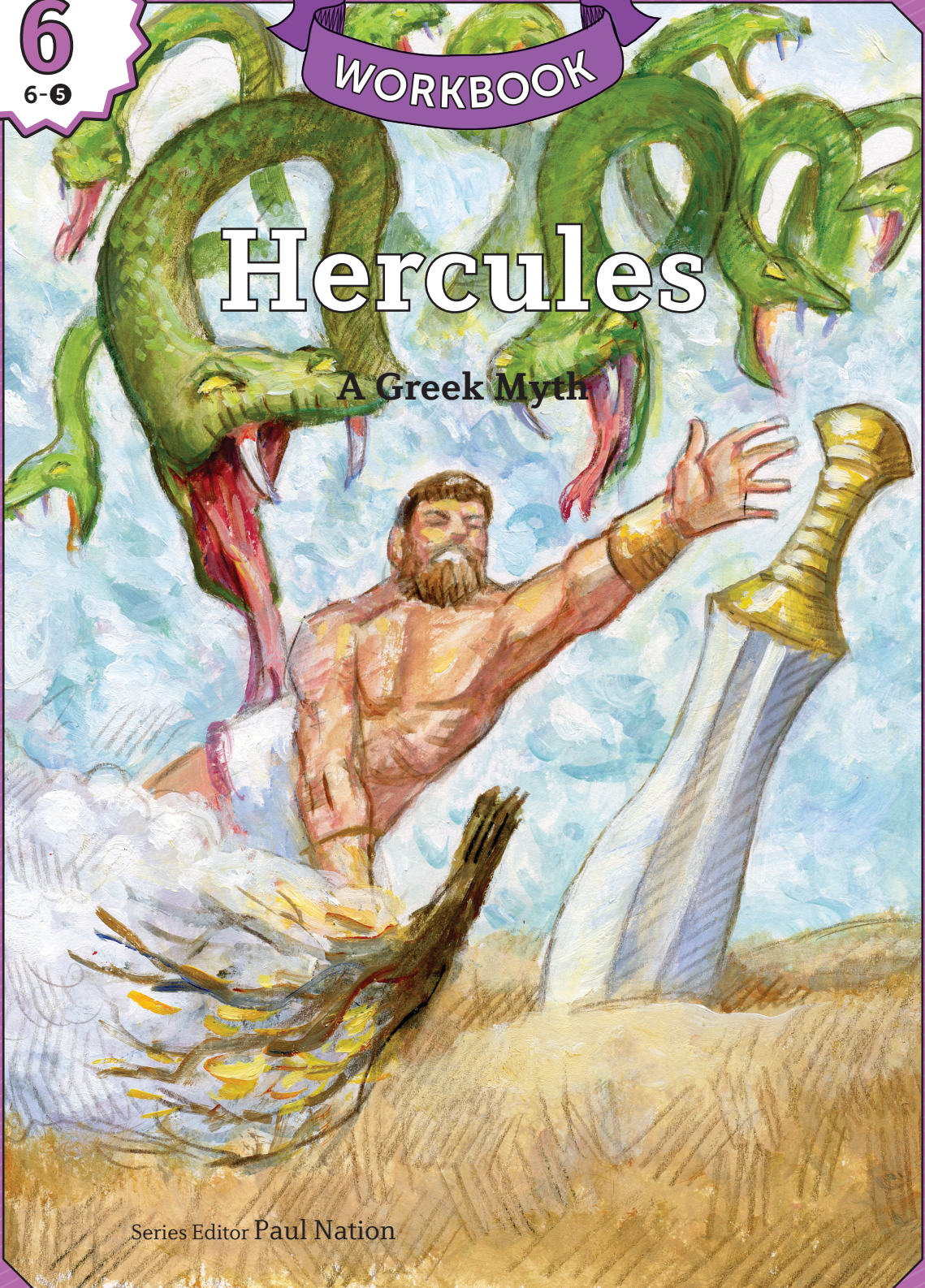
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WORKBOOK

# Hercules

A Greek Myth



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# Reading Activities

## [ Chapter 1 ] A Special Child

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Who do you think the special child is?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 7. What do you see?
- 3 Why do you think the baby is special?

### After You Read

**A.** Choose the best answer.

What didn't Hercules learn to do when he was younger?

- a. Shoot a bow and arrow
- b. Wrestle and box
- c. Drive a car

**B.** Write the information in the right place.

- ★ loved Hercules
- ★ said Hercules would become a great hero
- ★ the wife of Zeus
- ★ the King of all Heaven
- ★ wondered about Zeus's love for Hercules
- ★ grew to hate Hercules

**Zeus**

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**Hera**

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## [ Chapter 2 ] Hercules the Slave

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think Hercules is a slave? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 10. How does Hercules look?
- 3 What do you think Hera will do to Hercules because of her anger?

### After You Read

**A.** Choose the best answer.

Why did Hercules do many bad things to a lot of people?

- a. Because he was angry.
- b. Because he wanted to be bad.
- c. Because Hera put a magic spell on him.

**B.** Put the information in the right place.

**Hercules ...**

1. First, \_\_\_\_ 2. Next, \_\_\_\_ 3. After that, \_\_\_\_ 4. In the end, \_\_\_\_

- a. Another chance was given to him by Zeus.
- b. He would become the greatest hero if he completed all the jobs given to him by the King.
- c. He was sent away and became a slave to King Eurystheus.
- d. He was under Hera's magic spell so he did many bad things.

## [ Chapter 3 ] Hercules and the Lion

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 What do you think will happen to Hercules?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 13. What is Hercules trying to do?
- 3 Do you think Hercules will complete his first job?

### After You Read

**A.** Choose the best answer.

Why did King Eurystheus give Hercules an even harder task?

- a. He hoped Hercules would die.
- b. He wanted to challenge Hercules.
- c. He thought Hercules could do anything.

**B.** Write T for True or F for False.

1. Hercules screamed “Raaaaaa,” when he saw the lion. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Hercules had no weapons with him when he went into the woods. \_\_\_\_\_
3. King Eurytheus wanted the skin of a giant tiger. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The lion had a special skin which no arrow or other weapon could hurt. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The villagers saw Hercules getting torn to many pieces. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Hercules was whistling when he walked out of the woods. \_\_\_\_\_
7. King Eurytheus was very proud of Hercules when he saw the lion’s skin. \_\_\_\_\_
8. King Eurytheus gave Hercules an easier task to complete. \_\_\_\_\_

## [ Chapter 4 ] The Monster of the Lake

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 What do you think Hercules's next task will be?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 18. What is Hercules trying to do?
- 3 Do you think Hercules will successfully complete the task?

### After You Read

**A.** Choose the best answer.

What is not true about Hercules's second job?

- a. His second job was to destroy a monster which lived in a lake near Mycenae.
- b. The monster had nine heads that grow back if they are cut off.
- c. Hercules thought destroying the monster would be easy.

**B.** Put Hercules's action in order from 1 to 6.

- He took a sword and a branch of fire with him. \_\_\_\_\_
- He knew he had to use his brain to defeat the monster. \_\_\_\_\_
- He cut all nine heads off the monster and closed the cuts with fire. \_\_\_\_\_
- He set both the sword and the fire next to the lake. \_\_\_\_\_
- He slowly pulled the monster near the fire and cut off one head. \_\_\_\_\_
- He swam to the middle of the lake and started splashing. \_\_\_\_\_

## [ Chapter 5 ] The Evil King

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Why do you think the king is evil?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 22. What is happening?
- 3 Why do you think the king is trying to kill Hercules?

### After You Read

**A.** Choose the best answer.

What is the last job for Hercules?

- a. To clean the stables of King Augeus in a week.
- b. To clean the stables of King Augeus in one day.
- c. To clean the stables of King Eurystheus in one day.

**B.** Put a check  next to the correct information.

The king was happy with Hercules.

The people of Mycenae cheered for Hercules.

The king was angry.

The king was not scared of Hercules.

The king called Hercules into his castle.

The king had a plan to destroy Hercules.

The king was amazed with Hercules

The king gave Hercules one last job.

The last job is embarrassing.

Hercules agrees to do the job.

## [ Chapter 6 ] An Impossible Job

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 What is the impossible job?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 26. Where is Hercules going?
- 3 Do you think Hercules will complete the impossible job? Why or why not?

### After You Read

**A.** Choose the best answer.

Why is the last job impossible?

- a. Because the stable had twenty thousand cows.
- b. Because the stable was as big as a city.
- c. Because the big stable had not been cleaned for over twenty years.

**B.** Match the sentence to the person who said it.

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|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1. "I don't know."     | • | • The king's servants |
| 2. "It's impossible."  | • | • The villagers       |
| 3. "What will you do?" | • | • Hercules            |

## [ Chapter 7 ] A Special Helper

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Who do you think the special helper will be?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 29. What do you see?
- 3 What kind of help does Hercules need?

### After You Read

**A.** Choose the best answer.

What kind of magic did the spirit of the river give Hercules?

- a. The power to move the water of the river
- b. The power to move the stables
- c. The power to move the cows

**B.** Write the information in the right sentence.

second/brains    magic/friendship    first/strength

### How Hercules did his jobs

The \_\_\_\_\_ job was done with \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ job was done with \_\_\_\_\_.

The final job was done with \_\_\_\_\_, and Hercules learned the importance of \_\_\_\_\_.