

The Lightning Thief Questions, Chapters 1-8

Chapter 1

What does the title of chapter 1 best imply about the author's tone?

- a) the author is serious
- b) the tone is excited
- c) the atmosphere is silly
- d) the tone is playful

Write your justification/textual detail(s) for selecting this answer.

From whose point of view is the story told?

- a) Chiron
- b) Percy
- c) Grover
- d) Sally

Write your justification/textual detail(s) for selecting this answer.

Why can the reader infer from Percy's statement that swinging the sword came naturally to him?

- a) Percy is a freak.
- b) Percy reacts well under pressure.
- c) Yancy Academy has a good fencing team.
- d) Percy has a natural gift for defending himself.

Write your justification/textual detail(s) for selecting this answer.

Explain Percy's agitation with Mr. Brunner. Use textual details to support your response.

Chapter 2

The word “snip” is an example of

- a) simile.
- b) metaphor.
- c) imagery.
- d) onomatopoeia.

Write your justification/textual detail(s) for selecting this answer.

Explain the author’s purpose in including Grover’s comment that “they never get past sixth grade.” Use textual details for support.

Chapter 3

Percy's dream can best be described as an example of

- a) personification.
- b) foreshadowing.
- c) flashback.
- d) climax.

Write your justification/textual detail(s) for selecting this answer.

Explain the significance of the rental cabin to Percy. Use textual details for support.

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Directions: Read the following, and answer the questions that follow.

The three main traits of an ADHD person:

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Inattention.

- Has a hard time keeping his mind on any one thing.
- May get bored with a task after only a few minutes.
- He may give effortless, automatic attention to activities and things he enjoys.
- Organizing and completing a task or learning something new is difficult.

Hyperactivity.

- Always seem to be in motion. Can't sit still.
- May dash around or talk incessantly.
- Sitting still through a lesson can be an impossible task. May squirm in his seat or roam around the room. May touch everything, or noisily tap his pencil.
- Hyperactive teens may feel intensely restless.
- May be fidgety or try to do several things at once, bouncing around from one activity to the next.

Impulsivity.

- Doesn't seem to think before he acts.
- May blurt out inappropriate comments.
- May run into the street without looking, or get into situations without thinking of the consequences
- Has trouble waiting for things he wants or taking turns.
- May grab something from another person or hit someone when they're upset.

Based upon chapters 1-3 of *The Lightning Thief* and the article, "The Three Main Traits of an ADHD Person," justify whether Percy qualifies as ADHD. Use textual details for support.

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Chapter 4

The Mist is most likely

- a) an illusion.
- b) an allusion.
- c) thick fog.
- d) none of the above

Write your justification/textual detail(s) for selecting this answer.

Directions: Read the following, and answer the questions that follow.

Minotaur

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Before he ascended the throne of Crete, Minos struggled with his brothers for the right to rule. Minos prayed to [Poseidon](#) to send him a snow-white bull, as a sign of approval by the gods for his reign. He promised to sacrifice the bull as an offering, and as a symbol of subservience. A beautiful white bull rose from the sea, but when Minos saw it, he coveted it for himself. He assumed that Poseidon would not mind, so he kept it and sacrificed the best specimen from his herd instead. When Poseidon learned about the deceit, he made Pasipha, Minos' wife, fall madly in love with the bull. She had Daedalus, the famous architect, make a wooden cow for her. Pasipha climbed into the decoy and fooled the white bull. The offspring of their lovemaking was a monster called the Minotaur.

The creature had the head and tail of a bull on the body of a man. It caused such terror and destruction on Crete that Daedalus was summoned again, but this time by Minos himself. He ordered the architect to build a gigantic, intricate labyrinth from which escape would be impossible. The Minotaur was captured and locked in the labyrinth. Every year for nine years, seven youths and maidens came as tribute from Athens. These young people were also locked in the labyrinth for the Minotaur to feast upon.

When the Greek hero [Theseus](#) reached Athens, he learned of the Minotaur and the sacrifices, and wanted to end this. He volunteered to go to Crete as one of the victims. Upon his arrival in Crete, he met [Ariadne](#), Minos's daughter, who fell in love with him. She promised she would provide the means to escape from the maze if he agreed to marry her. When Theseus did, she gave him a simple ball of thread, which he was to fasten close to the entrance of the maze. He made his way through the maze, while unwinding the thread, and he stumbled upon the sleeping Minotaur. He beat it to death and led the others back to the entrance by following the thread.

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Based upon chapters 1-4 of *The Lightning Thief* and the above reading of “Minotaur,” explain how something positive can occur from something negative. Use textual details for support.

Chapter 5

What is Mr. D implying when he tells Percy, “I would expect all *civilized* men to know the rules”?

- a) pinochle is a very simple card game to learn
- b) Percy is dumb
- c) Percy is still a boy
- d) life is like a card game

Write your justification/textual detail(s) for selecting this answer.

Explain how “names have power.” Use textual details for support.

Chapter 6

What is the most likely definition of “fetlocks” at the close of chapter 6?

- a) ankles
- b) legs
- c) arms
- d) muscles

Write your justification/textual detail(s) for selecting this answer.

Explain the difference between “God” and “gods.” Use textual details for support.

Why might Percy say, "The beginnings of an idea – a tiny, hopeful fire – started forming in my mind"?

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- a) Hades can help solve the problem.
- b) He knows where to tell Clarisse to go to.
- c) His mother might be there.
- d) The Minotaur might be there.

Write your justification/textual detail(s) for selecting this answer.

Directions: Read the following, and answer the questions that follow.

What Do We Know About Bullying?

From <http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/adults/what-do-we-know.aspx>

What Is Bullying?

Bullying is aggressive behavior that is intentional (not accidental or done in fun) and that involves an imbalance of power or strength. Often, bullying is repeated over time. Bullying can take many forms, such as: hitting or punching, teasing or name-calling, intimidation through gestures, social exclusion, and sending insulting messages or pictures by mobile phone or using the Internet (also known as [cyberbullying](#)).

How Common Is it?

Bullying is more common than many adults realize. Most studies show that between 15-25% of American students are bullied with some frequency (i.e., "sometimes" or more often). Click here to view a Tip Sheet entitled [What We Know About Bullying](#) for more information about the prevalence of bullying, bullying among girls and boys, and consequences of bullying.

Why Is Bullying Sometimes Hard for Adults to Detect?

Unfortunately, although bullying can be very harmful to children, adults are often unaware of bullying problems. Why? Often, bullying takes place in areas of schools, homes, or communities that are not well supervised by adults. Even if bullying happens near adults, sometimes we miss it because bullying can be subtle or hard to detect (e.g., social exclusion, note-passing, threatening looks).

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Adults also are often unaware of bullying because many children and youth don't report it. They may fear retaliation by children doing the bullying. They also may fear that adults won't take their concerns seriously or will act inappropriate to deal with the bullying.

What is one theme common in both chapter 6 of *The Lightning Thief* and the article “What Do We Know About Bullying?”? Explain using textual details for support.

Chapters 7-8

What is the connotation of “undetermined”?

- a) unknown
- b) undecided
- c) unwanted
- d) unfamiliar

Write your justification/textual detail(s) for selecting this answer.

What best describes the mood created by Chiron’s response to Percy’s inquiry about the attic: “Not a single living thing [is up there].”?

- a) fear
- b) suspense
- c) eerie
- d) exciting

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Write your justification/textual detail(s) for selecting this answer.

Grover says that all of the following have attempted trips to the Underworld except

- a) Houdini
- b) Hera
- c) Hercules
- d) Orpheus

Write your justification/textual detail(s) for selecting this answer.

Explain how the author effectively builds suspense in chapter 8 of *The Lightning Thief*. Use textual details for support.
