## Lesson 20 Perseus

## Q: What made Perseus significant?

Perseus' Birth
An oracle told King Acrisius of Argos that his daughter would have
a son who would kill him So he locked his daughter DANAE
in atower chamber But _Zeusentered her chamber
named him PERSEUS . When Acrisius discovered that she had a son,
he cast Danae and Perseus into thesea
in achest, which landed at an island.
Years later, the king of this island wanted
to marry Danae and demanded that Perseus
give him a wedding gift: Medusa's head .



Athena and Hermes visited Perseus and gave him

a shield and sickle-sword. They led him to the

3 GRAY SISTERS



, hags who shared one \_\_eye\_\_, which Perseus

stole until they told him where to find the

NYMPHS OF THE NORTH

, who gave him 3 items:

invisibility cap , winged sandals , and a bag .



The <u>Gorgons</u> were monstrous sisters of the Grey Sisters. Only one,

## MEDUSA

, was mortal. Perseus flew to the remote island of the Gorgons.



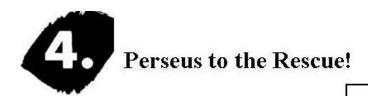
He <u>cut off</u> the head of Medusa by looking at her <u>reflection</u> in his <u>shield</u>.

He put her head into his <u>bag</u> and avoided her two sisters by flying away <u>invisibly</u>.









Perseus rescued and married

ANDROMEDA

, daughter of the king and

queen of Ethiopia. She had been <u>chained to a rock</u> by the <u>sea</u> as a sacrifice, because her mother bragged she was lovelier than the <u>Nereids</u>



Perseus killed . . .

- the sea-monster
- Andromeda's ex-fiancé (petrified)
- the king of his island (petrified)
- Acrisius with a discus (accident)



Finally, Perseus returned the items and gave

Medusa's head to Athena,

who put it on her \_\_\_\_shield

What I've learned: Perseus was Greece's 1st hero.

