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Directions: Use your copy of "Shrouded in Myth" to answer the questions below in RACE format.

1. What makes Acrisios so sure that he will never have a grandson?

Acrisios is sure he will never have a grandson because he imprisoned his only daughter. He did this so "that she could never marry or have children." Since she was cut off from becoming a mother, there would never be a grandson to even pose a threat to Acrisios.

2. Why was Zeus so drawn to Danae? How did Zeus get to her?

Zeus is so drawn to Danae because she is beautiful. According to the text, Danae is "stunning - too beautiful to resist." To get to her, Zeus turns himself into "golden rain" and pours onto Danae, causing her to magically become pregnant with Perseus.

3. How was the prophecy from the beginning of the story fulfilled?

The prophecy is fulfilled when Perseus accidentally kills Acrisios. Acrisios had fled from Argos when he heard Perseus was coming. Perseus decided to wait for Acrisios in another town, where Acrisios was actually hiding. During a discus contest, Perseus loses control of the disk, "striking a man and killing him." This man was Acrisios!

4. Is Perseus a hero? What evidence supports your opinion?

Despite his accidental murder of Acrisios, Perseus is a hero. One reason is that he "slew the dreaded monster Medusa." Medusa was a deadly foe, able to turn people into stone just by looking at them. By killing her - not an easy task - Perseus probably saved many lives.