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### *The Lightning Thief*-Rick Riordan

#### iPad Activity---iExplore-Setting & Allusions in the Text

**Objective:** I will explore and investigate various elements of setting and different examples of allusions in the novel, *The Lightning Thief*, in order to extend understanding of and make personal connections to the text.

**Allusion:** A reference in literature or film to someone or something famous.

**Setting:** Where and when a story takes place.

**Part 1** In chapter 1, Percy goes on a class trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Visit their site and locate the information related to Greek art.

Listen to the podcast with author Rick Riordan while you browse the collection:

<http://www.metmuseum.org/metmedia/audio/kids/068-episode-for-families-percy-jackson--the-olympians-the-lightning-thief-at-the-met>

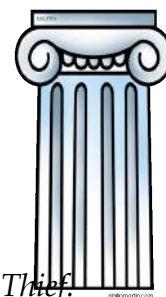


Browse the Greek collection:

<http://www.metmuseum.org/search-results?cat=Collections&ft=greek&rpp=10&pg=1>

Look for the pieces mentioned in the text: stele, chariot, Greek Gods.

\*What is the type of architecture that is influenced by this ancient Greek art?



View these photos of structures in Ancient Greece:

<http://www.history.com/topics/ancient-greece/photos#greek-architecture>

Download this file and learn more about the allusions mentioned in *The Lightning Thief*.

<http://www.metmuseum.org/learn/for-kids/~media/Files/Learn/Family%20Map%20and%20Guides/Percy%20Jackson.pdf>

Percy and his mom borrow Gabe's car to travel to Montauk. See what the car looks like at this site:

[https://www.google.com/search?q=78+camaro&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ei=NOIUprhB\\_TIsATwtIKACQ&ved=0CAcQ\\_AUoAQ&biw=1339&bih=573](https://www.google.com/search?q=78+camaro&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ei=NOIUprhB_TIsATwtIKACQ&ved=0CAcQ_AUoAQ&biw=1339&bih=573)

Camp Half Blood is located in Montauk, Long Island, New York.

Google Montauk.

<https://www.google.com/>

View maps of location and landmarks on the island.

\*Where, specifically, is Montauk located on Long Island?

\*What is the name of the park in Montauk?

Percy battles the Minotaur. How was this creature created?

View this video.

<http://www.history.com/topics/ancient-greece/videos#origins-of-the-minotaur>



Percy visits the Oracle. View this video to learn about the myth of the Oracle.

<http://www.abc.net.au/arts/wingedsandals/storytime/apollo.htm>

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## Part 2

\*Percy, Annabeth and Grover are lured into Auntie Em's roadside Garden Gnome Emporium which is near what river that borders New Jersey and New York?

\*What is Auntie Em's true identity?

Visit these sites to explore her history and her fate?

<http://www.greekmythology.com/Myths/Creatures/Medusa/medusa.html>

<http://www.history.com/topics/ancient-greece/videos#the-story-of-medusa>

Google images of her.

<https://www.google.com/>

Someone helps the heroes after they escape from Auntie Em.

\*Who is it?

[https://www.google.com/search?q=pink+poodle&source=lnms&tbn=isch&sa=X&ei=aseIUv\\_KJsQhKQe21IHQBA&sqi=2&ved=0CAcQ\\_AUoAQ&biw=1339&bih=573](https://www.google.com/search?q=pink+poodle&source=lnms&tbn=isch&sa=X&ei=aseIUv_KJsQhKQe21IHQBA&sqi=2&ved=0CAcQ_AUoAQ&biw=1339&bih=573)

On their quest, the trio travel by train to St. Louis, Missouri and Annabeth is fascinated by the Arch. Percy also meets some interesting characters there.

<http://www.theoi.com/Ther/DrakainaEkhidna1.html>

Go to these sites and explore this National Monument:

<http://www.gatewayarch.com/>

<http://www.gatewayarch.com/experience/arch-facts-faq/>

\*What are the architectural dimensions of the Arch? (size)

\*Annabeth says she would have made the windows larger. Why didn't the original designers do that?

Percy plummets from the top of the Arch.

\*How far does he plunge?

\*Into what river does he fall?

Annabeth, Grover and Percy then move on to Denver.

\*In what state is Denver?

\*What is Denver's nick name? Why is it called this?

They visit an amusement park. Are there currently any amusement parks in Denver? If so, list them. Which do you think Riordan used as a model for his setting?

Explore the back story on why the heroes had to help The God of War.

<http://www.loggia.com/myth/ares.html>

\*Who is Aphrodite's husband?



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### Part 3

\*What is Annabeth's greatest fear? How does she confront her fear at the amusement park?

Listen to this story about the root of her fear.

<http://myths.e2bn.org/mythsandlegends/playstory131-arachne-the-spinner.html>

\*What is the fear of this called?

Next, our heroes travel to Las Vegas. In what state is Las Vegas?

\*What is the symbolism of the Lotus Casino?

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/348576/Lotus-Eater>

How does this symbolism relate to what happens to them there?



Who do they have to pay to enter the Underworld?

Google images of this character.

<https://www.google.com/>

\*Guarding the Underworld is this creature? Who are his parents?

<http://www.theoi.com/Ther/KuonKerberos.html>

Percy, Annabeth and Grover meet Persephone in the Underworld.

\*What is her story? Watch the 3 videos:

<http://www.abc.net.au/arts/wingedsandals/storytime/demeter.htm>

The quest ends for the heroes on the West Coast.

\*What ocean is on the West Coast?

Check out this site to explore the God of the Underworld.

<http://greece.mrdonn.org/greekgods/riverstyx.html>



In *The Lightning Thief*, the entrance to the Underworld is located on the West Coast.

Watch this video to learn where the entrance was in Greece.

<http://www.history.com/topics/ancient-greece/videos#the-cult-of-hades>

\*What religion did this myth influence?

Which Greek God are you? Take the Quiz.

[http://www.abc.net.au/arts/wingedsandals/make\\_do/](http://www.abc.net.au/arts/wingedsandals/make_do/)