

Answers

1. What was the name of Zeus's father? Tick one.

- Cronus**
- Rhea
- Hades
- Poseidon

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they occurred.

- 2** Zeus freed his brothers and sisters from Cronus.
- 4** Zeus became king of the gods.
- 3** The cyclopes gave Zeus a lightning bolt.
- 1** Rhea gave birth to Zeus in a cave.

3. What did Zeus disguise himself as when he went to his father's home?

Zeus disguised himself as a servant.

4. Look at the paragraph beginning **Zeus knew that Cronus...**

Find and copy one word which means the same as 'a bright idea'.

inspiration

5. Fill in the missing words.

The battle lasted for **ten** years before **Zeus** and the Olympians won.

6. What type of animal do you think was guarding the cyclopes? Explain your answer.

Accept any sensible answer provided it references the text, such as: I think that the animal guarding the cyclopes was a dragon because it says that it was giant and had wings. Also, dragons are often used to guard places in stories.

7. How do you think Zeus felt when the battle was over? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Zeus felt exhausted because he had been fighting for ten years. I also think that he would feel relieved that the battle was over.

8. Read from **Zeus practised with the lightning bolt...** until the end of the story. Summarise the events from these two paragraphs using 20 words or fewer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Zeus practised with the lightning bolt and used it to defeat the Titans and become king of the gods.

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1. How many children did Rhea and Cronus have together? Tick one.

- five
- six**
- seven
- eight

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they occurred.

- 2** Zeus defeated the giant, winged beast.
- 1** Rhea watched Zeus leave.
- 4** Hades became ruler of the underworld.
- 3** Zeus freed the cyclopes.

3. Where did Zeus get his lightning bolt from?

The cyclopes gave the lightning bolt to Zeus.

4. Look at the paragraph beginning **Zeus knew that Cronus...**
Find and copy one word which means the same as 'revenge'.

payback

5. Why was the winged beast so easy to defeat?

The winged beast was so easy to defeat because it had grown slow after years of guarding the same location.

6. **Zeus knew that Cronus would defeat them as easily as a spider defeats a struggling fly in its web.**

Why do you think the author has chosen to include this line?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the author has chosen to include this line to make it clear about how powerful Cronus and the Titans were. The reader might become worried about whether Zeus will be successful.

7. Imagine that you are Zeus.

What would you say to the cyclopes to convince them to fight with you?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I would say that, if they helped me, I would be a much better ruler than Cronus because I wouldn't keep them locked up inside a cave. Instead, they would be free to make their amazing weapons in the open so that everyone could see them and be impressed.

8. Do you think that the way the three brothers split the earth was fair? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I don't think that the earth was split fairly because Zeus became the king of all of the gods when they had all worked hard to win the fight. Hades and Poseidon just become a god of a part of the earth but Zeus became the god of everything.

9. Would you like to meet Zeus? Tick one.

Accept either a yes or a no response provided that a full explanation is given below.

Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Yes, I would like to meet Zeus because he sounds like a very interesting person. I would like to see his lightning bolt and I would also like to ask him more about how he was able to defeat the Titans.

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1. How long did the battle between the Titans and the Olympians last for? Tick one.

- a few months
- a few years
- ten years**
- seven years

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they occurred.

- 3** Zeus disguised himself as a servant.
- 2** Rhea fled to Crete.
- 4** The cyclopes gave Zeus his lightning bolt.
- 1** Cronus chose to imprison his children.

3. Look at the paragraph beginning **Rhea looked at her son...**

Find and copy one word that means the same as 'free'.

liberate

4. Why did Cronus feel as though he needed to imprison his children?

He was worried that they would defeat him and take the throne/he could see no other way to protect his title.

5. Why did Zeus become king of the gods instead of Poseidon or Hades?

Zeus became king of the gods because his new position as ruler of the skies took him higher than the gods themselves.

6. Argue that Zeus was right to start a war against the Titans.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Zeus was right to start a war against the Titans because it was the only way to defeat his father who had trapped his siblings. The Titans worked with Cronus so Zeus needed to start a war against them to defeat Cronus.

7. Explain how the story might have changed had Rhea chosen to stay with Cronus.

Pupils' own responses, such as: If Rhea had chosen to stay with Cronus, he would have captured Zeus when he was born and there would be nobody to save them. Cronus would have stayed as the leader and there would have been no war between the Titans and the Olympians.

8. Compare the characters of Zeus and Cronus.
How are they similar?

Pupils' own responses provided that a comparison has been made, such as: Zeus and Cronus are similar because they both want to be the king of the gods and they both did whatever they could to get there. Cronus imprisoned his own children and Zeus started a war that lasted for ten years.

9. Who would you most like to meet? Tick one.

Accept any ticked option provided that a full explanation is given.

Explain your choice.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I would most like to meet Zeus because I would like to see his lightning bolt and ask him how it works. I would also like to find out if he is a better leader than his father.

10. Summarise the tale of **How Zeus Became King of the Gods** using 30 words or fewer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Zeus saved his siblings from their father. They fight for ten years to win the war against the Titans. Zeus becomes king of the skies and all of the gods.