

Practice with Words from Classical Mythology Group D

Name _____

Directions: Write in the answers as you go along, two questions per word.
There are 10 questions; be sure to look on the back.

1. Hercules completed twelve labors. Which one required
a. the greatest strength and why?

- b. the most courage and why?

- c. the most cleverness and why?

2. Of the four tasks listed below, which one might be considered *herculean*?
- A. Cleaning up all the litter along the interstate
 - B. Doing the regular week's laundry
 - C. Choosing what to wear to school
 - D. Cleaning out your locker

3. When Bacchus offered him a gift, King Midas asked to turn things into
_____ just by touching them.

4. Midas's choice was foolish and disastrous. But today if someone has “the Midas Touch,” we call them _____ .
- A. angry
 - B. generous
 - C. successful
 - D. cowardly

5. According to the ancient Greeks, Nemesis was the personification of _____
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6. Which of the following statements is true?
- A. Prince William is the nemesis of his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II of England.
 - B. Simone Biles is the nemesis of her teammates on the 2016 USA Olympic Gymnastics team.
 - C. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor is the nemesis of the other Supreme Court justices.
 - D. Adolph Hitler was the nemesis of Jewish people.

7. What was the only good quality in the original Pandora's Box?
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8. Pandora's name means "all gifts," but she is famous for bringing all the troubles into the world. The name for that contradiction is _____.
- A. irony
 - B. suspense
 - C. personification
 - D. simile

9. Why might the oracle have been correct in describing Cupid as "a winged monster who was even stronger than the gods"?
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10. A person's psyche includes all of the following except which one?

- A. mind
- B. soul
- C. self-esteem
- D. body