

# Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief

## by Rick Riordan

Access the *Percy Jackson & The Olympians* **Topic Page** through the assigned Gale resource. Use the **Topic Page** before, during, and after reading the novel to help answer the questions below.

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### BEFORE READING:

1. What are some important facts about Rick Riordan, the book's author?

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2. In the book, the main character struggles with ADHD and dyslexia. What in Rick Riordan's personal life affected this decision?

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3. What other books has Riordan written?

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From your own knowledge:

4. What do you know about Greek mythology? Can you name any Greek gods, goddesses, or mythical creatures?

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5. What qualities do you think make a strong friendship? How important is loyalty in a friendship?

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## DURING READING:

As you read *Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief*, take notes on the developments of the characters in the novel, how do you meet each character, how does your understanding of them change as they go through the book, why does it change. Make sure to be specific with examples (include page numbers).

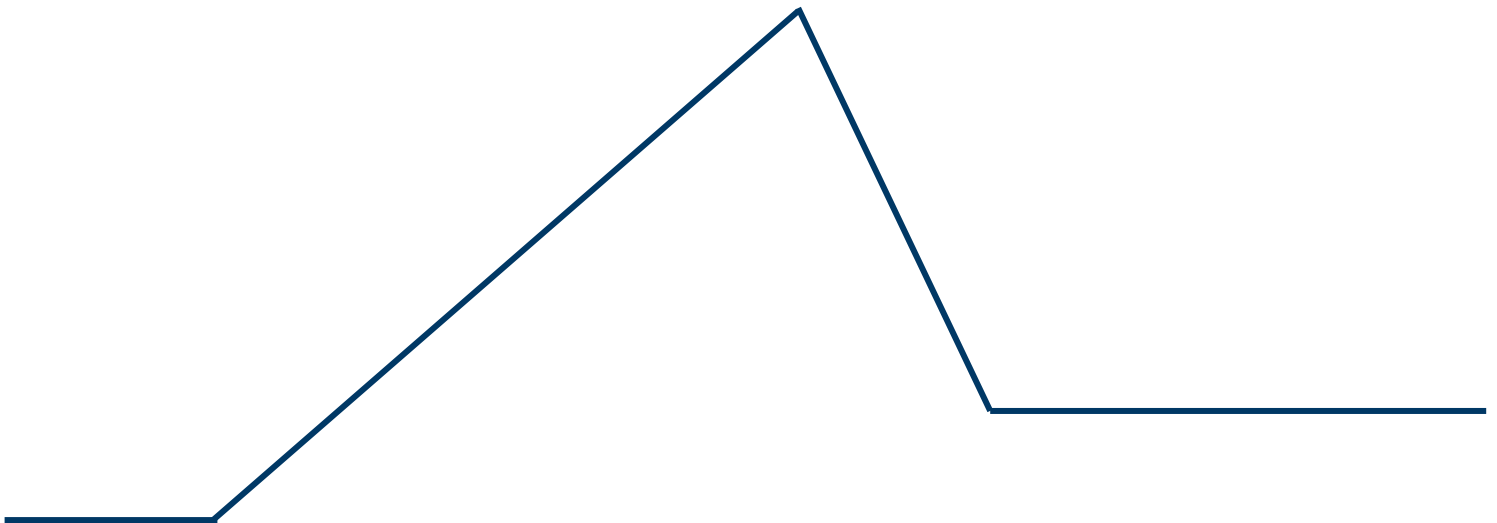
CHARACTERS	
Percy Jackson	
Annabeth Chase	
Grover Underwood	
Luke Castellan	
Sally Jackson	
Chiron	
Mr. Brunner	

## DURING READING:

The following are the themes depicted in *Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief*. As you read, take notes (including page numbers) of how you see these topics portrayed in the book.

THEMES	
Identity & Belonging	
Good vs. Evil	
Acceptance of Differences	
Friendship & Loyalty	

Complete the plot diagram below, filling in events for each element of the story including the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution.



## AFTER READING:

1. How did Percy's understanding of his identity and his place in the world change throughout the story?

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2. What lessons or messages did you take away from the novel? How do you think these lessons can be applied to real-life situations?

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3. Do you think it affected Percy's sense of belonging that he had mixed heritage?

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4. Use the **Magazine** and **News** articles in *Gale In Context* to research the next adaptation of the Percy Jackson series into a television series. What aspects of the book are you most interested in seeing depicted? What do you think the biggest challenge will be in this adaptation?

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