

Lightning Thief Comprehension Questions

You must write in full and complete sentences with proper punctuation and capitalization!

CHAPTER 1

What do you learn about Percy's home life as he's watching the taxis on Fifth Avenue?

CHAPTER 2

After the Latin test, what do you think Mr. Brunner was trying to say to Percy? Why does Percy react angrily to Mr. Brunner's words?

CHAPTER 3

Why does Percy's mom eat blue food, and why does Percy love this about her?

CHAPTER 4

After the monster disintegrates, what gets Percy moving when all he wants to do is collapse?

Take a guess: Who is the "familiar face" that Percy thinks he sees?

CHAPTER 5

Describe Mr. D. Anticipate: Will he be a hero or a villain? Why?

According to Chiron, what is the big question that everyone wants answered? Take a guess: what's the answer?

CHAPTER 6

Why do you think Percy asks Chiron about the Underworld? He says: "*The beginnings of an idea – a tiny, hopeful fire – started forming in my mind.*" What does he mean?

CHAPTER 7

Why are some kids summer campers and others year-rounders? Which would you rather be?

CHAPTER 8

Why are the counselors having a hard time deciding who Percy's Olympian parent is?

When you find out Percy's true identity, are you surprised or did you see it coming? What clues were given earlier in the book?

CHAPTER 9

Why does Percy feel miserable once he gets his own cabin?

CHAPTER 10

Percy says he's not going on the quest to retrieve the lightning bolt. What's his real reason for going?

CHAPTER 11

What does Auntie Em look like when she opens the door?

Why does Grover start to get nervous at the emporium? (There are several reasons)

CHAPTER 12

If you were offered the choice in Percy's dream – to save your own parent's life or complete your quest and prevent a terrible war – what would you choose?

CHAPTER 13

Why does Percy decide he has no choice but to jump? What would you have done in his place?

CHAPTER 14

What message does the woman in the water bring to Percy? What is her warning?

CHAPTER 15

At the end of the chapter, whom do you think Percy is angrier with – Hephaestus or Ares? Why?

CHAPTER 16

Percy, Grover and Annabeth are attracted to different types of games at the Lotus Casino. What does each one like, and what does this tell you about their personality?

CHAPTER 17

Annabeth seems worried when they discuss the voice from the pit. Percy thinks she has an idea what it might be. Do you have any guesses?

CHAPTER 18

If you were standing in that line, would you rather choose EZ Death and go straight to Asphodel, or risk being judged for your actions on earth? Why?

CHAPTER 19

What terrible choice does Percy face when he decides to use the pearls? Would you have made the same choice he does? Why or why not?

CHAPTER 20

Which failures does Ares point to when he says Percy “doesn’t have what it takes”? Is this a fair criticism? Why or why not?

CHAPTER 21

How do you think Poseidon feels about Percy? How can you tell?

CHAPTER 22

Why do you think Percy has so much trouble deciding whether to stay year round or go to seventh grade? What would you choose?
