

Disney HERCULES

Lesson 2

THE MYTH BEHIND THE MUSICAL

CURRICULUM AREA

ENGLISH/HISTORY

MATERIALS

- ✦ Simple story of The Twelve Labours/Tasks of Hercules.
- ✦ An example image for the start and end of the story (Hercules being set twelve tasks by King Eurystheus and Hercules returning to the King after completing the tasks).
- ✦ Twelve copies of the storyboard template worksheet

VARIATIONS

- ✦ Pupils could work independently to create a comic strip of the entire myth.
- ✦ Pupils can work in groups to create a freeze frame for their task so the result is a 'living storyboard' of the myth. If appropriate, use technology to take pictures of freeze frames.
- ✦ Extension: Pupils could add writing in speech bubbles to their storyboard frame to include more detail/feeling. Or ask pupils to write their own version of the myth or modern adaptation of the myth.

INTRODUCTION/HOOK

Share an age appropriate version of The Twelve Labours/Tasks of Hercules.

Ask questions during and after reading to ensure understanding of the myth. Share images/illustrations to support understanding of the story particularly some of the mythical creatures such as the Hydra.

MAIN ACTIVITY

Explain to the class what a storyboard is and how they are used in film and theatre (compared to a comic strip).

Explain that they will be working with partners to create their own piece of a collaborative class storyboard. Share out the twelve tasks to partners/groups in the class and ask them to depict this moment from the myth onto their storyboard frame template.

PLENARY/REFLECTION

At the end of the session(s), assemble all pictures to create a class storyboard of the myth and use this to retell the story. How successful was our storyboard in helping us to retell the story?

Were there any important details that we did not include?

How would we improve this if we did it again?



Example of an age appropriate version of Hercules



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NAME

Use the space below to create your frame for our collaborative storyboard.
You may wish to add notes in the box at the bottom of the frame.