

4th Grade Opinion Responses

Prompt: In your opinion, which person—Hercules or Perseus—was more resourceful?

Hercules or Perseus?

By Student A

You've probably heard of greek gods and demi-gods. Most of them are described as being resourceful. Athena is very resourceful with weaving, Posidon uses the sea, Hercules with his strength, and so on. But who is most resourceful? In my opinion I would say that Perseus, is most resourceful.

First of all, one of Perseus's reasources, is his love. Acording to my research, he protects his mother. An evil king tries to marry her, while she doesn't want to, and Perseus stands up for her. He also went on a quest to save her from the king. Then he figths off a sea serpent, for a woman named Andromeda. They later get married.

Furthermore, he used his bravery and intelligence on his quest against Medusa. Everyone says Medusa is a hideous and terrifying creature. She had snakes for hair and turns anyone that looks at her, into stone. Perseus, instead of looking at her in her eyes, like everyone else who was stone did, looked in a mirror instead, and chopped off her head. Additionally, Perseus uses Medusa's head as a resource. After his victory of defeating Medua, the kings army came for him, and his people. Perseus and his men were outnumbered. His men retreated, but instead of fleeing with them, he stepped forward in bravery. He pulled out Medusa's head, and made it face the army, they all turned into stone. It's a pretty simple way to win a battle. Even though he had killed her, her head still carried power.

To end with, his friends, (or fellow gods and demigods) also serve as a resource. At the beginning of his quest, Mermes-one of the only gods that could enter the Underworld, the gods messenger, lent him a sword. If Perseus had used his normal sword, it wouldn't be able to cut through Medusa's scales. Hermes' sword was special, it could cut through anything. Hermes had tiny, foot-sized wings on his ankles, which helped him get to Perseus, gave them to Perseus also. Then, a few days later, Athena gifted him with a stone shield. It would prevent him from being turned to stone.

In conclusion I think Perseus would be the most resourceful god. He has intelligence, bravery, love, and friendship. He cares for everyone, and was brave an of to encounter Medusa. He, to me, is by so far the most resourceful god or demigod.

Topic is introduced using more than one sentence, and includes background knowledge.

Opinion is stated, but is fairly basic. No additional information is included.

Reasons make sense, and are supported with details.

Linking words are varied, and used correctly.

Organizational Structure is excellent, with separate paragraphs for the introduction, each reason, and the conclusion.

Conclusion is on topic, restates reasons, and matches the opinion stated in the introduction.

Language conventions are good. There are some spelling errors, but excellent sentence structure off sets this.

Anchor Text: *Journeys, Hercules' Quest*, retold by Martina Melendez (Lesson 18)

JSD Opinion Rubric Evaluation:

Introduce Topic (W.4.1a)	Opinion Statement (W.4.1b)	Organizational Structure (W.4.1a)	Reasons (W.4.1b)	Link Opinion (W.4.1c)	Related Conclusion (W.4.1d)	Language Conventions (L.4.2)
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Hercules and Perseus
Student B

In my opinion Perseus is more resourceful instead of Hercules and my reasons are below. He had lots of resources. Here are some examples of his resources. From Hermes he got flying shoes to help him with cutting off Medusa’s Head and also got a sword. He got a shield from the goddess of war Athena. Those were some of his resources.

Second, he used what he knew to protect him from Medusa. He used his shield so he couldn’t see Medusa. If you look at Medusa she has snakes for hair and she is so frightening she will turn you to stone! He was smart and did not look at Medusa because of the shield.

Last, he was determined because if he failed he could not protect his mother. For example he never stopped protecting his mother from the king. The king wanted to marry his mother by he would never let that happen. I think Perseus is more resourceful than Hercules.

No topic introduction. The student just dove right in. You do know it is about Hercules and Perseus.

Gave a reason for Perseus being more successful.

First reason is in the first paragraph instead of a separate one.

Gave details for each reason.

Used basic linking words: Second, Last

The last sentence is the conclusion but student didn’t put in a paragraph.

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Hercules or Perseus?
By Student E

Do you know some Greek heroes? Such as Herecules or Perseus. In my opinion, I think Perseus is way more resourceful then Herecules.

First of all, Perseus is friends with some Greek gods like the god messenger or Athena the god of war. Furthermore, Perseus is so smart because he was sent on a quest from an evil king that wanted to marry his mother so he distracted Perseus by telling him to get the head of Medusa! Which he did and he used it against an evil army also he used it against the evil king. Additionally, Perseus had a sword as strong as diamonds and diamond can only be cut by diamond he also has shoes that make him fly, also a silver shield, and Medusa's head. Last but not least, he is so strong that he threw a discus (frisbee) so far that he killed his grandpa with it on accident.

In conclusion, that is why I think Perseus is more resourceful than Herecules. Also he is a better Greek hero.

Introducing the topic is technically proficient, but seems basic.

Opinion is stated, but no additional information is included. Reasons could be listed.

Reasons and details are included, but could use some additional details.

Linking words are good, but seem to get lost in the large body paragraph.

This writing would be better organized as five paragraphs.

Conclusion is proficient, but could list reasons, and seems to be adding another sentence “just because”.

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Hercules or Perseus?
By Student F

If you could choose between Perseus or Hercules which one would you choose I would pick Perseus.

I pick Perseus because he killed Medusa by getting a strong sword to cut through her super strong scales and sandals with wings on them so he could fly and they help him go super fast he also gets a shield that could reflect things because it is so shiny and to block his eyes from Medusa turning him into stone

then he enters Medusa's cave he sees all the people that got turned to stone and Medusa comes in the cave he blocked his eyes with the shield Medusa looks at the shield she turns to stone and then Perseus cuts her head off.

Once Perseus cut Medusa's head off he sees a girl and she says a sea monster is coming and the monster started coming out and he slayed it he heard troops coming and an army arrived and he pointed Medusa's head at them and they all turned to stone.

He starts to go back to the castle and once he gets to the castle he finds the king and slays him.

In conclusion I think Perseus is cool and I hope you think his cool too.

Introduction does not state why he is more resourceful. Opinion is stated, but without detail.

There are no reasons and details. This is a retelling.

Linking words are completely absent.

Organizational Structure is a work in progress.

Conclusion does not sum up the prompt, and is completely off topic.

There are many spelling, punctuation, and capitalization errors.

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