**As You Read:**

1. Why does Percy will himself to get soaked in the water?
2. Ares says the best kind of war is when relatives fight each. Why would this be the most vicious kind of fight?
3. Why does Percy begin to suspect that Ares wasn’t acting alone – that he was taking orders from someone?
4. 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?
5. What deal does Percy make with Ares?
6. How does Percy’s ADHD keep him alive in the fight?
7. What strategy does Percy use to beat Ares?
8. After Percy wounds Ares, something strange happens that makes Ares back off. What is it?
9. Why is important that the Furies witness Percy’s battle?
10. At the end of the chapter, what does Percy decide he must do to complete the quest?

**As You Read:**

1. When the Los Angeles reporters interview Percy, how does he get back at Gabe?
2. Why do Percy, Annabeth and Grover split up when they arrive back in New York?
3. How does Percy convince the guard at the Empire State Building to let him see Zeus?
4. What are some of the things Percy sees on his way through Olympus?
5. Why Percy start feeling a little sorry for Hades when he sees Zeus’ palace?
6. Percy says he is glad, in a strange way, that Poseidon is so distant. Why? Does this make sense to you?
7. How does Zeus reward Percy?
8. Who was speaking from the pit? Why do think Zeus doesn’t want to talk about it?
9. How do you think Poseidon feels about Percy? How can you tell?
10. Why doesn’t Percy petrify Gabe when he has the chance? What would you have done?