Guiding Questions for Reading MARCH 2017

*Percy Jackson and the Olympians – The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

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1. How are the gods different from or similar to humans? How is the immortal world different from or similar to the mortal world?
2. How is Percy similar to and/or different from Harry Potter? How is this story similar to and/or different from the *Harry Potter* series?
3. Which of the Olympians would you most like to be and why? If you were a half-blood, which Camp Half-Blood cabin would you be in?
4. If you were a god, what would your power be?
5. What is "Western Civilization"? Why do the Olympians constantly move to the place where the spirit of Western Civilization burns brightest?
6. Are the gods truly immortal?
7. Who is Kronos and what does he want?
8. Would you rather be a god, a demi-god, a human, a centaur, a satyr, a wood nymph, a Nereid, or a monster? Why?
9. What does "fate" mean to the gods? Do you believe in fate?
10. Why isn't Hestia, Zeus's sister, an Olympian?
11. Who are the minor gods and why are they different from the Olympians?
12. Why does Luke say, "I hate prophecies"? (7.99).