

Poseidon: Earthshaker

Olympians Book 5

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For Discussion:

1. Poseidon, Hades and Zeus divide up the cosmos by drawing lots. Was this the best way to do this? Was it fair? Was there another way they could have done it?
2. Both Polyphemos and King Minos of Crete are some pretty terrible hosts. Who do you think was worse? I mean, either way, in the end, you're getting eaten by a big hairy monster...
3. As he mentions, a lot of Poseidon's children are monstrous, either in form or actions. Why do you think that is? What is monstrous about Polyphemos? Or Theseus?
4. In many ways, Poseidon and the other characters are like superheroes. What superheroes can you think of that are similar to characters in Greek mythology?
5. Athena and Poseidon both competed for the city of Athens. Whose gift do you think was better, Athena's or Poseidon's, and why? What do you think Athens would be called today if Poseidon had won the contest?
6. Poseidon doesn't remember why he, Hera and Athena tried to overthrow Zeus. Why do you think they did it?
7. Why do you think the god of the sea was also the god of Earthquakes? How about horses?
8. Very few people believe in the Greek gods today. Why do you think it is important that we still learn about them?