

Stories Within the Story

This activity reinforces information from "Heracles" on pages 132-147 in d'Aulaires' *Book of Greek Myths*.

Although most people think of Heracles in terms of his labors, he had many other adventures. On the following pages, you will find activities that relate to Heracles' life when he was *not* the slave of Eurystheus.

Admetus and Alcestis

Fill in the blanks with words that match their descriptions below.

1. ___ **H** ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
2. ___ ___ ___ **E** ___ ___ ___
3. ___ ___ **R** ___ ___ ___
4. ___ **A** ___ ___ ___
5. ___ **C** ___ ___ ___
6. ___ ___ ___ **L** ___ ___
7. ___ ___ **E** ___ ___
8. ___ **S** ___ ___



1. The country where Admetus was king
2. The ceremony to which Admetus was going when Heracles arrived
3. How Admetus felt about dying
4. The god who allowed Alcestis to return to her husband
5. A word used to describe Persephone
6. The god who spoke to the Fates on Admetus' behalf
7. The title of the person who gave her life for her husband
8. The way that Admetus was feeling when Heracles arrived

TEACHER'S KEY

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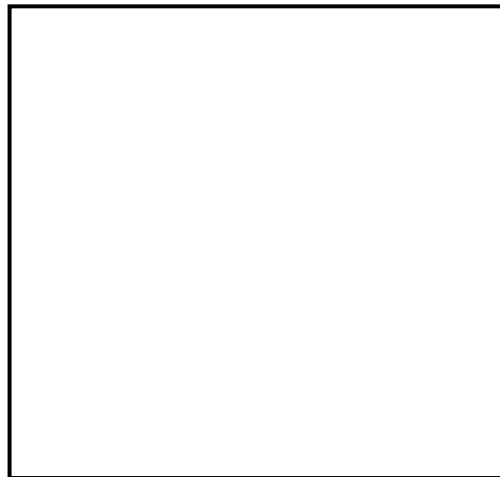
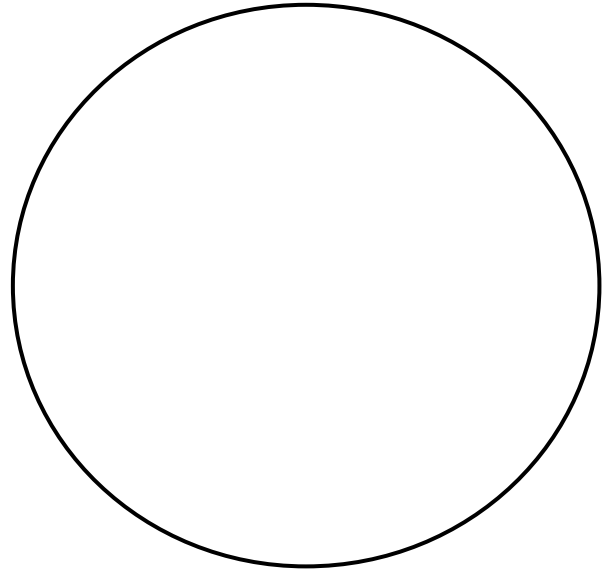
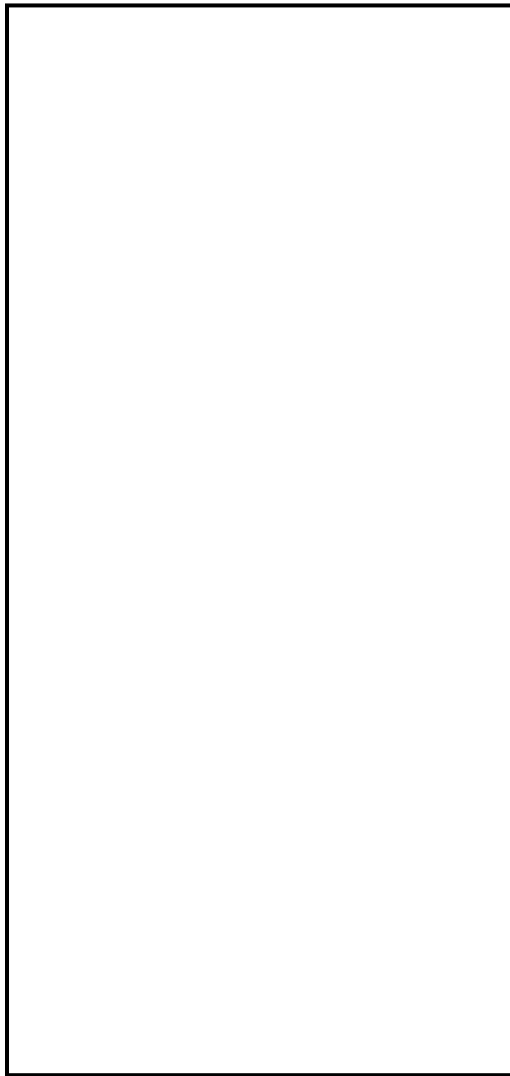
Admetus and Alcestis

1. THESSALY
2. FUNERAL
3. AFRAID
4. HADES
5. COLD
6. APOLLO
7. QUEEN
8. SAD

HERACLES' FIRST CHALLENGE

When he was still a baby, Heracles had to protect himself from the serpents sent by Hera.

*Design serpents so they fit into each shape. Try to fill the space with their bodies.
In which space do the serpents fit best? Color your favorite snake-space.*



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No More Nemean Lions

Panthera leo (the lion) used to roam across three continents. Lions are now found on only two continents. Find information on the current distribution of lions. On the world map below, indicate the places where lions once lived and where they still live.



Provide the following information to accompany your map.

What habitat do lions prefer? _____

What are the current population statistics on lions? _____

Are lions or any of their subspecies endangered? _____

Which subspecies are already extinct? _____

What are the greatest threats to lion survival? _____
