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The Life of Hercules in Myth & Legend

Complete the following statements by inserting the correct text as stated in the article.

1. "Hercules is the _____ name for the Greek hero, Herakles..."
2. "Hercules was the son of Zeus, ... and the _____ woman _____."
3. "...Hercules was born a _____ - god with incredible strength and stamina."
4. "... he was born with the name _____ and later took the name Herakles, meaning 'Glory of _____.'"
5. Because Hercules was a demi-god, he could " _____ " like mortals.
6. "Hercules was a kind of super-powered _____ who suffered disappointments..."
7. "Hercules served as a symbol of the _____ ... a man may be destroyed, but not _____."
8. "His inner strength and ability to endure hardships made him inspirational figure...and a symbol of _____ in the midst of chaos..."

Early Life

9. " _____ sent serpents to kill him in his cradle."
10. "Hera suckled Hercules at her own breast until the infant bit her nipple... spilling her milk...and forming the _____."
11. "...he led a band of _____ warriors to defeat the Minyans..."
12. "King Creon of Thebes gave Hercules his daughter, _____ in marriage..."
13. " _____ ... sent upon him (Hercules) a madness in which he _____ his children..." (_____ sons).
14. In order to atone for his sins, "Hercules consulted the _____ at _____ who told him he must attach himself to his _____ Eurystheus, King of _____."
15. "After Delphi he was no longer known as _____ and took the name Herakles."

The Twelve Labors of Hercules were

16. The first labor was the _____ Lion. "He trapped the lion in a _____ and

_____ it with his bare hands.”

17. “...the Hydra who had _____ venomous heads and, when one was cut off, _____ more would grow in its place.”
18. “Because he had help in this labor (#2), _____ would not count it as one of the ten and assigned another.”
19. “...the Cerynithian Hind was sacred to the goddess _____.”
20. “He accomplished this (driving away the Stymphalian Birds) with a _____ given to him by Athena.”
21. “... Minos happily gave the bull (Cretan) to Hercules who rode it across the _____ from Crete to Athens....”
22. “Diomedes was a Thracian king who fed his horses on a steady diet of _____ flesh so that no one could come near them.”
23. Hippolyte’s Girdle was a _____.
24. “Prometheus was grateful and told him (Hercules) that the apples were guarded by a _____ named Ladon....”
25. For the labor number 11, Hercules had to have help by the Titan _____.
26. “Eurystheus who was so terrified of the animal that he told Hercules all the labors were done and to bring the _____ back to where he’d found it.”

Further Adventures & Slavery

27. “Struck again by Hera with madness, Hercules killed the prince _____ of Oechalia and was told by the oracle that he must sell himself as a _____ to atone for his sin.
28. Who was it that killed Hercules though by accident? _____
29. Nessus was what type of a creature? _____
30. “Hercules climbed Mount _____ and built his own funeral _____.”
31. “The myths of Hercules show the world as it is: everyone has _____ they need to _____ and seemingly impossible tasks they are faced with and _____ that seem too hard to bear.”
32. “... if Hercules could endure his _____, one can survive one’s own.”

