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The Life of Hercules in Myth and Legend

1. Explain how Hercules (Alcaeus) is a demi-god. _____

2. Why was his name later change to Herakles? _____

3. How does Herakles (Hercules) serve as a symbol for the **human condition**? _____

4. How does Herakles' childhood explain the creation of the Milky Way? _____

5. What caused Herakles to kill his family? _____

6. How does Herakles atone (ask forgiveness) for his sins? _____

Place a description of the Twelve Labors on a separate worksheet

7. Explain how Deianira (the wife of Herakles) had mistakenly caused his death. _____

8. Explain how Herakles still represents the hero that we all can still relate to in some fashion. _____
