



Class- 5

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LESSON- 3 The Labours of Hercules

To be shared on- \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre Activity** – Write few lines about any Greek God/Goddess that you have read about.

**New words with meanings-**

1. Stern – Tough and steely.
2. Armour- Metal clothing that soldier used to wear in battle.
3. Shreds- Small, narrow and torn pieces of a material, such as paper, cloth.
4. Hydra- In Greek mythology, a nine-headed serpent which grew two new heads every time one of its heads was cut off.
5. Savage- Wild, violent and uncontrolled
6. Manure- Animal dung
7. Rampaging- Moving through a place in a violent and uncontrollable manner
8. Amazons- A group of female warriors (in Greek Mythology)
9. Wound up- Ended up in a situation one did not plan to be in
10. Brute- (here) A fierce and violent animal.

**Answer the following questions.**

Q1. ‘He fought a lion with claws so sharp/That it could rip armour to shreds.’

a) Who does ‘he’ refer to?

Ans- ‘He’ refers to Hercules, the Greek hero.

b) Why was he doing these tasks?

Ans- He was doing these tasks as twelve ‘labours’ given to him by king Eurystheus, whom he had to serve for twelve years.

c) How can we say that the lion had sharp claws?

Ans- We can say that the lion had sharp claws as it could rip an armour to shreds.

Q2. Hercules earned a great reward/For being so strong and so clever

a) Why did Hercules earn a reward?

Ans- Hercules earned a reward because he bravely and cleverly completed the twelve tasks given to him.

b) Why is Hercules called 'so strong and so clever'?

Ans- Hercules is called 'so strong and so clever' because he successfully completed the twelve labours using both strength and intelligence.

c) What was the reward that Hercules got? Who gave it to him?

Ans- The reward Hercules got was immortality, meaning he would live forever. His father, Zeus, gave him the reward.

### **Life skills and values**

1. Hercules caught the golden deer even though it took him one year to do so. What does it tell you about him?

Ans- Hercules caught the golden deer even though it took him one year to do so. This shows his determination and dedication to complete the tasks assigned to him. It proves that he was a man of strong will and would not abandon the mission that he undertook, no matter how difficult it was or how much time it took.

2. Do you agree that Hercules was a courageous warrior? Which was the task that needed him to be the bravest? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans- Yes, I think Hercules was a courageous warrior. I think the task for which he needed to be the bravest was fighting the lion that could tear an armour to shreds. I feel this as the lion is a wild animal, a fearless, ferocious beast, a man-hunter, and yet Hercules did not show any fear while fighting the lion. He fought the beast bravely and completed the task successfully.

### **POST ACTIVITY-**

Ans- Create your own mythological character or monster. Draw and colour it. Give it a name and explain why you chose the character.

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