

Chart of Greek Heroes

Hero	Arête	Até	Hubris	Heroic Characteristics	Journey or Quest	Friends and Enemies	Gods or Goddesses	Adventures/Obstacles
Jason	great warrior	falls in love with the witch Medea	ambition	sent away at birth returns to claim throne faces danger marries princess	Quest for the Golden Fleece	Argonauts Hercules Boreas's sons Medea	Hera Iris Aphrodite and Cupid	Hypsipyle - women's island Harpies and Phineus Clashing rocks -simpleglades Amazons Final task is to yoke oxen, sow seeds that become soldiers, and kill them all
Hercules	great strength	bad temper	always feels the need for redemption	Killed 2 snakes as a baby Killed a lion Marries a princess Unusual death Twelve labors	Must complete 12 labors to redeem himself	Theseus Megara Hylas Philoctetes Eurystheus	Hera Zeus	Twelve labors; defeats Antaeus in a wrestling match, kills Nessus for insult of Deianira; freed Prometheus
Perseus	young and proud	promises a wedding gift of Medusa's head	angry pride leads to an empty boast	Mysterious birth (rain) Foster father winged sandals, magic wallet, cap of invisibility	Search for Gorgons and brings back head of Medusa	Danae Dictys Polydectes Andromeda	Zeus Athena Hermes	Returns with Medusa and turns the whole banquet room into stone Prophet says will kill father - he does kill him by accident while throwing a discus in an athletic competition
Atalanta	swift runner; beauty	greed-wanted the golden apples	pride in her speed; kills those who lose the race	Raised by animals and hunters Faced danger	Defeat of the Calydonian boar	Meleager Althea Hippomenes	Aphrodite	As a baby left on mountain to die; Calydonian boar hunt; sailed with Argonauts; later turned into a lion
Aeneas	great warrior from Troy	stays with Dido	greed and ambition	son of Venus descent to underworld married Lavinia founded a city	After Trojan War, sailed east to become founder of Rome	Sybil Anchises Ascanius Achates	Venus, Juno Mercury, Janus Hecate, Alecto	One of few to escape from Troy Received Dido's love and gifts Saw father in underworld Defeat of Turnus
Theseus	great courage, physical strength, and success	displayed poor judgment anger over wife's death	Forgotten promise leads to death of father (didn't fly white sail)	Sword and sandals Unusual birth Killed bandits Volunteers to kill Minotaur	Chose perilous land passage to find his father (more dangerous)	Aegeus, Medea, Ariadne, Daedalus	Athena Boreas Eros	Killing bandits Avoiding the cup of poison Killing the Minotaur Ball of thread to find way out of labyrinth Son was Hippolytus – thought he betrayed him with his stepmother