



# THE LIGHTNING THIEF:

## Post-Reading Response Prompts



After you finish reading *The Lightning Thief*, choose five of the following prompts to respond to.

A.	Percy, Grover, and Annabeth each use their strengths and weaknesses as they work together to successfully complete a dangerous quest. Describe a strength and weakness for each character, and give an example of something the character says or does that reveals each trait.
B.	What is a quality, value, or characteristic that Percy, Grover, and Annabeth have in common that allows them to work well together? Describe a time when the shared quality, value, or characteristic helps Percy, Grover, and Annabeth overcome a challenge on their journey.
C.	Percy shares that he has a history of getting in trouble, being misunderstood, and struggling to succeed in school. Why does Percy have mixed feelings about living at home in the city for the upcoming school year? After Percy's experiences, do you think he will still struggle with the same challenges in school? Explain your answers with ideas and details from the text.
D.	The Greek gods are larger-than-life powerful beings, but in other ways, they have personality traits and emotions similar to regular humans. Share <u>three</u> examples from <i>The Lightning Thief</i> of a god, goddess, or monster acting on emotions that are part of our everyday human experiences. Name the god, goddess, or monster and their emotion, and explain their action or behavior.
E.	The main purpose of the quest is to find and return the master bolt to Zeus, but Percy's friends intend to do more than that. Grover and Annabeth both seek to prove something about themselves in the process. Explain what each seeks and how it turns out.
F.	At the beginning of the novel, Percy wonders who his father is. When he finally learns the truth that he's the son of Poseidon, are you surprised? What hints does the author give earlier in the book that help the reader see that Percy is connected to Poseidon? Give <u>three</u> text examples.
G.	Luke betrays his fellow campers. What do you think leads him to turn against the gods and his fellow demigods? How did the author, Rick Riordan, foreshadow Luke's betrayal? Use details from the text to support your answer.
H.	Dreams have a recurring role in <i>The Lightning Thief</i> . In Montauk, Percy dreams of a horse and eagle fighting on the beach, and he dreams about barnyard animals while recovering from the battle with the Minotaur. Later, he dreams of a voice from the pit. Percy struggles to make sense of the dreams. How do Percy's dreams impact the story's events? Choose <u>one</u> dream and explain how it impacts Percy's decisions and actions.
I.	In the novel, the Greek gods have complicated relationships with their human children. The parents—both human and god—disappoint their children in one way or another. Give an example of a parent who disappoints a child in the novel, and explain how the child reacts to the disappointment. Use text evidence to support your answer.
J.	<p><b>Review the Oracle's prophecy to Percy:</b></p> <p><i>You shall go west, and face the god who has turned.</i></p> <p><i>You shall find what was stolen, and see it safely returned.</i></p> <p><i>You shall be betrayed by one who calls you a friend.</i></p> <p><i>And you shall fail to save what matters most, in the end.</i></p> <p>How does each of the predictions turn out to be true? Choose <u>one</u> of the predictions and explain how it has a misleading or double meaning.</p>