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Zeus the Mighty

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Contents & Purpose

This website accompanies the "[Zeus the Mighty](#)" book series by Crispin Boyer. It provides interactive activities as well as information on the book and its main characters.

The website includes the following:

- Games: Zeus the Mighty: help Zeus climb Mt. Olympus, Personality Quiz By Kay Boatner: which type of pet and Zeus character you are most like.
- Information on the Series: The books (including sneak peeks), The characters, Printable from the book, Shop. This section also includes The Truth Behind the Pets by Kay Boatner. It provides a short information on the pets in the story (the dog, cat, grasshopper and fish) as well as the gods and goddesses they are based on (Zeus, Athena, Poseidon, Ares and Demeter) along with colourful and humorous illustration of the characters and the gods.
- Video: an introduction to the series.
- Truth Behind: Truth behind the artifacts in the book which explains their use in the book as well as in Greek mythology (the Aegis, Hekate's torches, The Argo, The golden fleece) by Kay Boatner, Weird but true: facts about Pets and an educator guide to the series.
- Podcast "Greeking Out" the podcast which is mentioned in the story and to which the animals all listen eagerly.

Further comments

This is a well balanced website, which refers to both elements of the series, the Greek mythology and also, pets. We should keep in mind that the series is also aimed to show the value of having a pet and how intelligent they are (keeping the NG long tradition of caring for animals).

Regarding the educator's guide, in the opening letters by Rebecca Baines, Vice President, Editorial Director, National Geographic Kids Books, she writes "we hope you enjoy this book and will join our quest to bring an exciting new world of Greek mythology to middle-grade readers everywhere." Hence the series' aim is to promote reading but also to promote knowledge of Greek mythology to young readers.

There are various activities in this guide to enhance comprehensive

skills: story map, knowledge of characters from Greek mythology related to the story and summation of the main ideas in a text. To all the suggested activities there is a long list of required standards which relates to literacy and language skills.

Hence the books and the accompanying website offer a complete educational plan. The series is fun for readers but can also be used to advance various reading and writing skills, using the theme of Greek mythology.
