

Orpheus and Eurydice

Read the story carefully, then answer the following questions in as much detail as you can:

1. How do we know that Orpheus' music was so powerful? Find three reasons.
2. What happened when Eurydice ran from Aristaeus?
3. Find three words in the story which express how Orpheus felt when Eurydice died.
4. Why did Hades allow Orpheus to try and get Eurydice back?
5. Orpheus faced three obstacles on his journey out of the underworld. What were these obstacles? Which do you think was the most challenging and why?
6. Use evidence from the text to draw and label a picture of Cerberus.
7. How do we know that Orpheus was scared of Cerberus? Find three examples from the text.
8. What was Orpheus restrained by as he crossed the river? Use your imagination and knowledge of other Greek myths to explain what you think these could be.
9. Why did Orpheus look back across the river for Eurydice?
10. Was Orpheus' quest really so difficult? Explain your answer in detail.

Challenge:

Can you write an additional obstacle for Orpheus into the story?

