



WHO LET THE GODS OUT? SERIES

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Comprehension Questions & Simple Activities

Vocabulary to Discuss

Suggested Activities by Subject

Simply the Quest

Receiving Dad's letter and learning about his life

- How did Elliot feel when he received Dad's letter?
- Why do you think he wanted to keep it secret?
- How would you feel reading the letter?
- Why did Elliot want to find out more about his dad's life?
- Where does he go to find out about his dad?
- Draw a timeline of the things that happened over the day of the incident.

Thanatos' release and subsequent actions

- How was Thanatos freed?
- Where was he being kept prisoner?
- Is it a good idea for him to be released?
- What kind of animal would you compare his rescuer to?
- Why is it time for him to be released?
- How was Hypnos involved in the plan and why is Hypnos important?
- Why does Thanatos take Elliot to Tartarus?
- What is Thanatos trying to do to Elliot?

peril
resembled
panted
kardia
instinctively
flailing
discreetly
comprehend
forlornly
triumphant
constellation
chortled
embittered
feeble
beneficial
woeful
reluctantly
archived
taunted
rummaged
stalactites
lurid

WRITING • Create character profiles for the new Gods you meet as the book goes on.

WRITING • Write short chapter summaries for each of the chapters.

ART • Design a new God who could help Elliot on his quest to retrieving the Air stone.

WRITING • Write a pitch for Hercules' new business venture.

PHILOSOPHY • Create thought bubbles of Virgo's thoughts on going to school.



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Meeting the Queen (chapter 22)

- Why did Jason distract the people around Buckingham Palace?
- How did Elliot feel when the guns were no longer pointed at him? How do you know?
- How would you feel meeting the Queen?
- How does the Queen stay in shape?
- Who crashed the party? Why?
- What does 'your bread is buttered' mean? (p230)
- What's a royal pardon and why is it needed?

unfurling
 traitor
 prophecy
 bluffing
 whimper
 ushered
 tentatively
 refurbishment
 effigies
 brandishing
 emerged
 formidable
 surveyed
 lyre
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 sable
 futile
 liability
 summon
 cordially
 plummet

WRITING • Write a letter from Virgo to the other members of the Zodiac to explain why she should get her kardia back.

WRITING • Compare the characters of Mr Boil and Mr Sopweed.

Retrieving the Airstone

- Where is the Air Stone hidden?
- Why might it be harder for Elliot and his God squad to retrieve it?
- What does the Air Stone do?
- Why does Elliot go to Theseus and to Jason for their help? What do they each give him?
- Why is it a good thing that the National History Museum is being refurbished?
- How do Theseus and Jason help our heroes in the museum when they weren't there?
- When they reach the vault, how do they get the stone from its case?

WRITING • Write questions for Elliot to research to help him find out information about his dad.

ART • Draw and then construct, using a shoe box, what the Cave of Sleep and Death looks like.



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exasperation
nebulous
monarch
scolded
exuded
ammunition
meticulous
subterranean
brayed
stampede
precariously
ruthless
burden
palaver
valour
desist
simultaneously
maladies
obscuring
incredulously

MUSIC • Create a soundtrack for the scene where Thanatos is freed. Research music from films with similar scenes.

PHILOSOPHY • Consider whether you would act in the way Elliot is acting and ask questions about his motives.

DRAMA • Come up with some jokes for Virgo to tell to Elliot when he is feeling sad.

WRITING • Write a poem about someone you think is a hero.

DRAMA • Act out the scene with the Queen (chapter 22).



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Beyond the Odyssey

The welfare visit

- Why did the welfare visit happen?
- Do you think the visit was necessary?
- Why did the Gods need to make Josie 'look her best'?
- Do you think Elliot likes Mr Trick? Why do you think this?
- Why do things start going wrong for Elliot during the visit? How do you think this made him feel?
- Why did Elliot have to 'risk a glance' out of the window at the Gods?
- At the end of the visit, what made Josie so upset?

sternly
array
slumber
spontaneously
sumptuous
unrequited
sheepish
austere
unsubstantiated
crucial
crooked
colossal
manoeuvred
unanimous
reverberated
ushered
analyse
coup
stakes
treacherous
gazebo
truant

HISTORY • Research and learn the National Anthem (and national anthems of the world).

WRITING • Write a recap of the past two stories as if you are Elliot telling Dave all about what's happened.

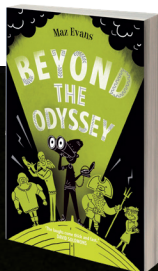
HISTORY • Research the Titans.

WRITING • Change Mr Trick's language choices from the welfare visit into more formal language.

WRITING • Write a report from the teacher's perspective about the welfare visit.

Arguing with the Gods about Hypnos (p77-83)

- What does 'fool's errand' mean?
- Why might Dave and the Gods be suspicious of Hypnos?
- What do you think Panacea's potion does? Why does Elliot need it?
- Does Hypnos think it's a good idea for mortals and immortals to work together? Can you find evidence to support your ideas?
- Describe how Elliot feels when Zeus tells him getting the potion is 'out of the question'.
- What was Elliot's ultimatum to Zeus?
- Do you think it was a good idea to give the Gods an ultimatum?



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Visiting Cyclops Island (ch 12)

- What can you see on the island?
- How do you think they all feel on arrival to the island?
- Describe the place that Polyphemus lives.
- Why was Zeus 'propelled' into the sky?
- How was Elliot granted access to the house but not the others?
- What might Elliot be thinking entering Polyphemus' house?
- What does 'hydrophobic' mean?
- What does Elliot go to Polyphemus' house for? Is he successful in his mission?
- Elliot pretends to be a security professional, why does he do this?
- How does Elliot use the veggie smoothie which is handed to him?
- How does Polyphemus end up in his panic room?

serenely
vacant
insolent
churning
conclusively
momentarily
imperceptibly
pleaded
incredulously
deceitful
wistfully
corrupting
companion
curtsey
soiled
confidential
acquaintance
jeopardy
ascending
entrepreneurs
idyllic
anguish

SCIENCE • Research dementia and look into the work charities do to help people who suffer from the disease.

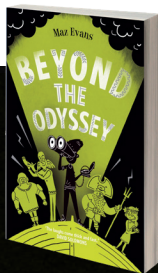
SCIENCE • Create a potion to help Elliot and his crew in the story – use maths to think about ratios of ingredients.

TECHNOLOGY • Research other modes of transport other than sea travel to help Hypnos get to Cyclops island.

TECHNOLOGY • Design a brand new mode of transport and describe how it works.

Patricia's lies (ch 19)

- What does Patricia go to Home Farm for?
- Define 'miffed' and describe why Dave is feeling that way.
- What 'arrangement' does Patricia Porshley-Plum want with Dave?
- How does she threaten Dave during their conversation?
- Why does she prefer new-Dave to old-Dave?



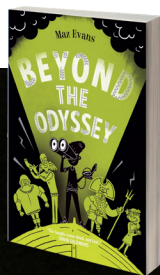
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<p>Beyond the Odyssey</p> <p>Going home (ch 28)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is Elliot in such a rush to go home? • What kind of thoughts might be racing through Elliot's head as he approaches Home Farm? • Why does Dave have a bag in the hallway? What might be in it? • How do you think Elliot feels when Patricia Porshley-Plum appears? • Why does Elliot call Dave a 'traitor'? 	<p>captivity descent harbouring encroaching dodderly dissemble intoned bucolic vast alleviating rifled languishing copse azure ethereal mournfully commotion corrupt destitute galleon crevice grimaced</p>	<p>WRITING • Write a speech as Thanatos to convince other daemons to join your mission to steal the Chaos Stones.</p> <p>DESIGN • Create an advert/website for Don'tcAIR Travel Company.</p>
<p>The Real Dave</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was pretending to be Dave? Why were they pretending to be Dave all along? • How does everyone feel when they find out that Dave wasn't the real Dave? • How does everyone find out? • What does real Dave want when he returns to Home Farm? • Why does the real Dave return to Home Farm? What does it mean by 'ablaze with anger'? What do you predict is going to happen next? 	<p>corrupt destitute galleon crevice grimaced</p>	<p>GEOGRAPHY • Research flights around the world and plan a holiday with a budget in mind. See how far you could get on a given amount of money.</p>
			<p>ART • Draw your ideal island and compare it to the idyllic island the Cyclops live on.</p>



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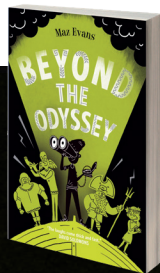
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absurd
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ablaze

WRITING • Write a piece for the Daily Argus about what happened when Elliot visited Polyphemus' safe.

SCIENCE • Research rubies and other precious gems.

DESIGN • You are in charge of *Immortals Got Talent*: design the logo and the application form, and come up with the line-up of judges.

CULTURES • Design a menu for Circe's fast food restaurant and research traditional Greek food.



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Getting the Fire Stone

- What kind of gem is the Fire Stone made from?
- Where is the Fire Stone?
- Why was it hard for Elliot to think about Josie when he was trying to be brave?
- What was Elliot's mission?
- Why didn't the rain which Elliot conjured extinguish the fire?
- What made Elliot hate Nyx?
- What does Elliot need to do to get the last stone?
- Why wasn't Elliot sleeping very well?
- Why did Elliot choose not to go with Hypnos in the end?

balustrade
 unbidden
 crucial
 involuntarily
 gesturing
 equilibrium
 confines
 dumbstruck
 fruitlessly
 appreciatively
 relinquished
 burnish
 surging
 incentive
 reclining
 briskly
 rummaging
 locksmith
 yanked
 negotiating
 torrent
 towering

WRITING • Read the poem and find rhyming words. Write your own poem using these words.

WRITING • Write a poem/rap to summarise the story so far.

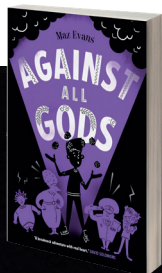
ART • Draw what you imagine the Chaos Stones look like in the watch.

SCIENCE • Research renewable sources of energy. Design your own.

PHILOSOPHY • Discuss Elliot's thoughts and emotions as he has to dive into the river of fire: talk about courage.

Fight with Fire (ch 6)

- How was Elliot kept safe?
- Whose voice could Elliot hear? What was she telling him?
- Do you think the voice was real or was it a trick?
- Why was Virgo there? How was she feeling?
- Elliot swapped the Chaos Stones for the life of his friend: do you think he made a good decision?
- Why did Elliot 'crumble'?
- War was going to break out: who were the two sides?
- How would you describe the way the Chaos Stones were used?
- Why does Thanatos summon all of the new daemons?
- What does Elliot want from Thanatos?



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Don't Look Back (ch 10)

- Why do you think Elliot doesn't want to talk to Josie?
- What is stopping Elliot from turning around?
- Do you think it is easy for Elliot not to turn around? Why?
- Why doesn't Josie want to come back to life?
- Do you think Elliot is a brave child? What other adjectives would you use to describe him?
- What does Josie compare her illness to? Why?
- Who will Josie be with in the afterlife?
- Why does Elliot 'whisper' goodbye to his mum?
- Why was Elliot surprised when Virgo and the Gods appeared?

War

- Why are the daemons going to war with the Gods and the mortals?
- What do the daemons want to do?
- Where was the battle taking place?
- What were the Gods trying to do with their plans?
- Was the battle what you expected? Why?
- How were many of the daemons killed?
- Where was Elliot going during the war? Do you think this is a good idea?

throng
winced
conscience
stubborn
umpteenth
salute
retrieve
simpered
upstanding
revelled
fitfully
indignation
ruse
feeble
resentfully
bellicose
foreboding
resolutely
flagon
uproarious
accustomed
glared

WRITING • Write a newspaper article or design a poster for Elliott being a 'missing' child.

MISC • Research young carers and look into charities which help.

HISTORY • Draw what you imagine the weaponry in the battle looks like – use reference points from battles in history.

PHILOSOPHY • Consider what Josie is offering Elliot. Discuss what the pros and cons of freedom are and what it means to you.



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The End of the World (ch 21)

- Why was Hypnos fleeing from Thanatos?
- How did Thanatos outsmart his brother?
- Why does Hypnos lose his kardia?
- How did Elliot and Virgo find Thanatos in the end?
- Why do you think Elliot saved Hypnos?
- Why couldn't Thanatos hurt Elliot?
- The Earth Stone's beam didn't hurt Elliot: why was this?
- What happened to Thanatos after Virgo saved Elliot from the Earth Stone?
- Whose help does Elliot need to save Virgo? Why does he need help?

The end of an era (p261-end)

- Being home is bittersweet for Elliot. Give a few reasons why this is.
- Do you think Elliot wants everyone to leave?
- How did Elliot feel when Dad was at the door?
- Why did Elliot now feel safe?
- When Dad asks Virgo for a 'penny for your thoughts', what was she thinking about?
- Do you agree that Mr Boil deserves forgiveness?
- Do you think Virgo's present for Elliot was a good one? Why?
- Why do you think Virgo decided to stay on Earth with Elliot and Dad?

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anticipation
chirped
contemplations
summoned
drawled
irrational
interference
irksome
compressions
radiance
frantically
deviate
hurtling
bewildered
procedures
insincerely
reluctance
torrent

DRAMA • Create a battle cry to shout as the Gods go into battle.

HISTORY • Research the life of the Sherriff of Nottingham.

WRITING • Compile a list of questions Dad would have for Elliott and vice versa.

PHILOSOPHY • Make a list of things you love most about living on Earth.

HISTORY & ART • Research Greek pottery and ceramics – design and create your own.

