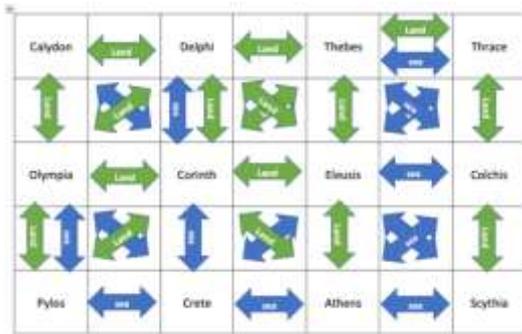


## Greek Hero Quest



Two heroes recently set out to slay a series of fiends and monsters lurking around ancient Greece. They knew that they'd need help and so they began by assembling a team of heroes and heroines, collecting special weapons, and securing divine favours.

It started much better for Ruby 'Telemachapacha' White, who quickly gained a range of gifts from kindly hosts, such as Nestor and Boreas, equipping her with the means to make splendid offerings to the gods. Not so for Sophie 'Agamemnomnom' Palin, who landed in Corinth, only for Sisyphus to steal all her goods and cast her out to sea. Crying foul, she washed up in Delphi. Zeus struck down Sisyphus but it was cold comfort to Sophie, who had a great deal to catch up on.

As Ruby slowly acquired a team of disparate helpers, including the crafty Daedalus and the magical Medea, Sophie recruited the winged Boread brothers to help her scout out Greece. Remarkably, the recruitment stage ended with pretty even teams. Ruby had also added the Amazon queen, Hippolyta, and her secret weapon, lion-hearted Heracles. But Sophie now had Theseus, prince of Athens, the swift-running Atalanta, and the blind seer, Tiresias (not much of a fighter but foresight has its uses!)

And now the battle against the monsters began. Both teams quickly dispatched early bandits and even some ferocious beasts, such as a giant crab and the Nemean Lion. But they were slowly worn down by the relentless assault of mythology's most fearsome monsters.

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# High School & Sixth Form



A divine gift came in handy plenty, like when Ruby pulled out a magic rattle from Athena and scared off the Stymphalian birds! A glorious end was well worth it and Sophie was saved when the Boreads chased off the harpies before plunging to their death. Alas, eventually Sophie was overwhelmed and we looked to see if Ruby could complete the final trial: the hellhound himself, Cerberus. She would have perished too but for Heracles, who came through at the end and vanquished this final foe. We thought it would be pretty fitting to allow him passage to Olympus as an exchange.

One adventure took us through the whole gambit of great Greek myths. I wonder what the next adventure will entail and who will prevail.

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