Hero-Hybrid Activity

Ancient heroes came in all shapes and sizes. In this activity, you will make your own hero inspired by our collection!

You will meet a few of the gods, goddesses and heroes from our museum. First, match the description to a statue from our museum. Second, create your own!

**Key words**

**Special Power**
This is the thing that the person or god are really good at. Think of it as their talent.

**Physical Attribute**
Most Greek Gods and Goddesses could be identified by an accessory, a symbol or something they owned.

**Character Trait**
Everybody has those! Sometimes heroes are great, but they also have flaws. Remember that no one, not even the gods are perfect in Greek myth.

**Appearance:**
How do they appear in Greek art?
## Descriptions of gods, goddesses and heroes

Match these descriptions to the pictures on the next page.

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<td>club (big hitting stick), lion skin</td>
<td>remorseful, patient</td>
<td>big, muscular</td>
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<td>Athena</td>
<td>Wisdom, Strategy</td>
<td>shield, spear, aegis (armour), owl</td>
<td>proud, quick to judge, vengeful</td>
<td>bright eyes, tall, imposing</td>
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<td>Zeus</td>
<td>Thunder, Storms, Power over other gods</td>
<td>thunderbolt</td>
<td>just</td>
<td>beard, tall, muscular</td>
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<td>Nike</td>
<td>Victory, Flying</td>
<td>wings</td>
<td>fair</td>
<td>young, big wings</td>
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<td>Odysseus</td>
<td>Resourcefulness</td>
<td>traveller's hat</td>
<td>inventive, smart, cunning, loyal</td>
<td>ragged, handsome, bearded</td>
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<td>Ariadne</td>
<td>Strategic thinking</td>
<td>wool, crown</td>
<td>wise, helpful</td>
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### Apollo
**Special Power**: Health and Medicine, Music, Archery.
**Physical Attributes**: bow and arrows, lyre, lizard.
**Character Traits**: vengeful.
**Appearance**: beardless, young, good hair.
**Make Your Own Hero or God!**

Choose what special powers, physical attributes, character traits, and appearance you want them to have and write them out. Then try to draw each.

You need to give them a name too. Male names in ancient Greece often end with 'us', 'os', or - 'es'. Female names often end with ‘a’ or ‘e’.

Here is a new hero our Education Coordinator created. She ran out of colouring pens though!

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**Melantopora**

**Special Power:** Wisdom, Flying.

**Physical Attributes:** bow & arrow, wings

**Character Traits:** inventive, proud

**Appearance:** muscle, young woman