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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!

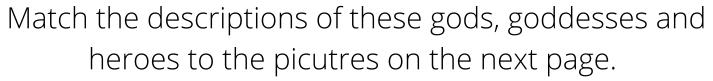
Special Power: this is the thing that the person or god are really good at. Think of it as their talent.

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?

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ATHENA

Special Power: Wisdom,

Strategy

Physical Attributes: shield, spear, aegis (armour), owl.

Character Traits: proud, quick to judge, vengeful.

Appearance: bright eyes,

tall, imposing

HERCULES

Special Power: Strength

Physical Attributes: club (big hitting stick), lion skin

Character Traits: remorseful, patient

Appearance: big, muscular

ODYSSEUS

Special Power:

Resourcefulness

Physical Attributes:

traveller's hat

Character Traits: inventive, smart, cunning, loyal.

Appearance: ragged, handsome, bearded

APOLLO

Special Power: Health and Medicine, Music, Archery

Physical Attributes: bow

and arrows, lyre, lizard

Character Traits: vengeful

Appearance: beardless, young, good hair

NIKE

Special Power: Victory,

Flying

Physical Attributes: wings

Character Traits: fair

Appearance: young, big

wings

ARIADNE

Special Power: Strategic

Thinking

Physical Attributes: wool,

crown.

Character Traits: wise,

helpful

Appearance: beautiful,

young

ZEUS

Special Power: Thunder, Storms, Power over other gods.

Physical Attributes:

thunderbolt.

Character Traits: just.

Appearance: beard, tall,

muscular

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Make Your Own Hero or God!

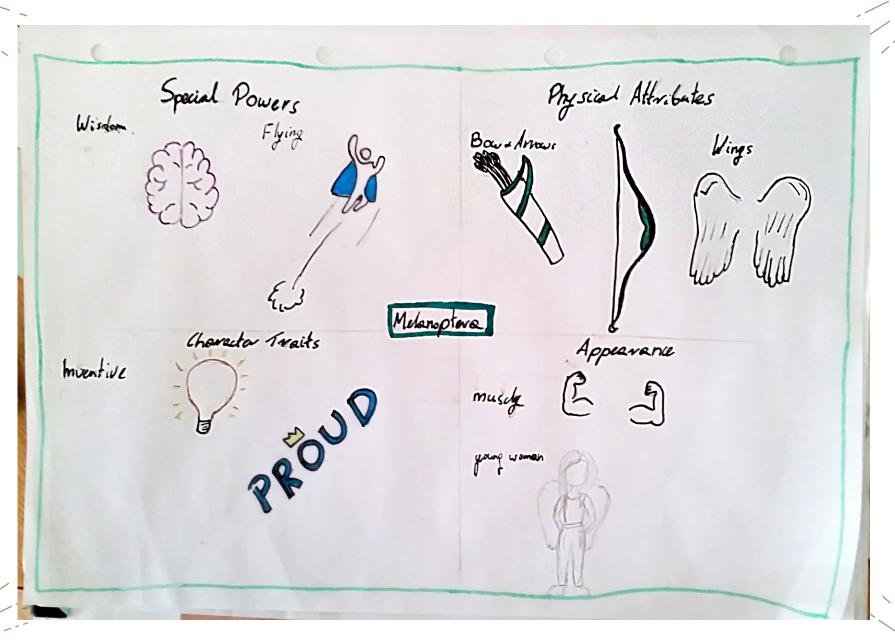
On a piece of paper draw a table like the one below. Choose what special powers, physical attributes, character traits, and appearance you want them to have and write them out. Then try to draw each.

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'.

Special Powers Physical Attributes NAME Character Traits Appearance

Here is a new hero our Education Coordinator created.

She run out of colouring pens though!



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