

'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' Comprehension

Use the text to help you answer the questions below.

💡 If you see a light bulb next to the question, you will need to think about your own thoughts or opinions, based on what you have read.

1. What is the impact of the opening section about half-bloods?

It makes the reader consider whether they too could be a half blood - particularly as it references reading this book for fiction.

2. 'Boy was I wrong.' (p.2)

Why does the author use a short sentence like this in the story?

The short sentence is used for impact. The author doesn't need to say anything else as the rest of the chapter explains this further.

💡 3. What do you think happened with the Revolutionary War canon?

The text says that Percy wasn't aiming the canon at the school bus but got expelled anyway. That suggests that he fired the canon and destroyed the bus.

4. Give two reasons that Grover was an 'easy target' for school bullies?

- Choose from: He was scrawny, cried when he got frustrated, had acne and a wispy beard on his chin, and, on top of all that, he was crippled.

5. Why was Percy's face 'totally red' on p.5?

He was embarrassed.

6. How do we know that Mr Brunner has exceptional hearing?

He was able to hear the comment made by Nancy Bobofit even when she whispered it to the person next to her.

7. How does the reader begin to see that Mr Brunner might not be all that he seems?

There are several clues including: he looks at the *stele* sadly, as though he'd actually been to the funeral; his eyes look a thousand years old and he tells Percy that what he learns from him is important.

💡 8. What was Percy's relationship with his mother like? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.



She seems to be understanding of his difficulties, yet wants him to try to fit in to Yancy Academy. He doesn't want to disappoint her and seems to care what she thinks.

9. How do we know that Grover wants to help Percy?

He tries to take the blame for pushing Nancy into the fountain.

10. What are the clues in the text that Mrs Dodds isn't quite human, before she turns into a monster?

Mrs Dodds always has an eye on Percy and looks at him as though he is devil-spawn. She is able to move quickly from one place to another. When she takes him into the museum, she begins growling at him and the way she was looking at him was evil, frightening him in the process.

