

Discussion Questions Suggested by *Demigods and Monsters*

1. Where do you think the meaning of a book comes from? The author, or the reader?
[Expanded in practice SAT essay question #1.]
2. Is there any store you visit on a regular basis that you think might be run by monsters? Why?
3. Do you think growing up and rebelling are the same thing? Is rebellion necessary in order to fully become an adult?
4. Would you want to live forever, even if it meant never seeing your family again?
5. What Greek god do you think would do the best job of running Camp Half-Blood? Why?
6. Do you think there are positives and negatives in everything, the way the ancient Greeks did? Or is there anything that's totally good or totally bad?
7. What do you think makes people wake up on the wrong side of the bed?
8. Rick Riordan has his gods living in (or rather, above) New York. If you were writing about the Greek gods in the modern world, where would you have them live?
9. Do you think human beings have free will?
10. Are movie and sports stars really the modern version of the Greek's gods, as Rees suggests?
11. Which Greek god would you want as a parent?
12. How would your own parents or caretakers rate on an A to F grade scale? How do they compare to Kronos? What about Percy's father, Poseidon, or his mother, Sally?
13. Pick something you think of as a flaw. How could that flaw also be a strength, in the right circumstances?
14. What do you think your fatal flaw is?
15. If you could consult an Oracle, would you?
16. Have you ever prophesized anything?
17. Which Greek monster is the scariest? If you had to fight that monster, how would you do it?