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VOCABULARY

REVIEW

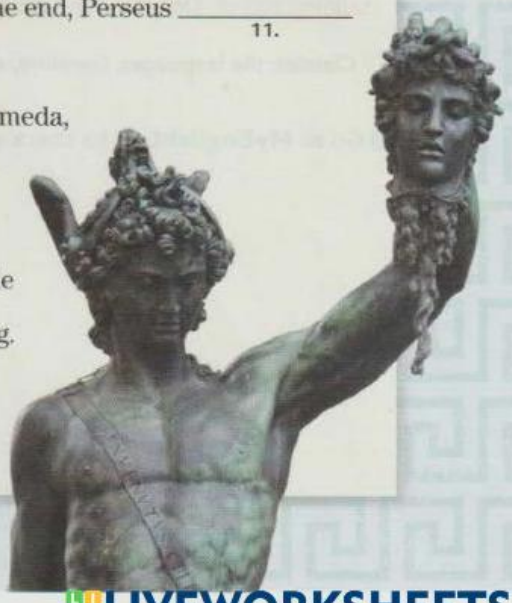
Complete the tale of Perseus with the words from the box.

adventure	defeats	journey	opportunity	struggles
affected by	fail	magic	protect	succeeds
~~dangerous~~	intelligent	mentors	safety	treasure

Perseus is a Greek hero who lives on an island with his family. On a nearby island lives Medusa. Medusa is a female monster with hair made of snakes. She is very dangerous (1.). When anyone looks upon her ugly face, they turn to stone. Many young men try to kill her. But they all _____ (2.) because they do not turn their eyes away. They all lose their lives. One day, the king of the land asks Perseus to go on a _____ (3.) to bring back the head of Medusa. Perseus does not want to leave the _____ (4.) of his home and family. But he decides to say yes. For Perseus, this is a(n) _____ (5.) to show his power as a young man.

On the road to find Medusa, Perseus meets two _____ (6.) who will help him. First, he meets the god Hermes. Hermes gives him _____ (7.) shoes with wings. With these shoes, Perseus can fly. Second, he meets Athena, the goddess of war. She gives him a shield[1] to _____ (8.) himself. How can Perseus kill Medusa without looking at her? Perseus is a(n) _____ (9.) young man. He uses the shoes to fight Medusa from the air. He uses the shield as a mirror to see Medusa, so he can cut off her head without looking directly at her. They start to fight. Medusa _____ (10.). She cannot win. In the end, Perseus _____ (11.) Medusa and _____ (12.).

On the trip home, Perseus meets and falls in love with Andromeda, his true love. Together they return to the king with Medusa's head in a bag. Perseus' _____ (13.) is over—the monster is dead and he has his _____ (14.), Andromeda. Perseus' whole community is _____ (15.) his success when he becomes king.



[1] **shield:** a large piece of metal, wood, or other material used to protect a soldier from attack

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