

# READINGS

## LISTEN AND READ:

### ULYSSES AND THE SIRENS

The *Odyssey* is a poem from Ancient Greece. It's about Ulysses and his adventures as he travels home after a war. On the way, Ulysses must pass the Sirens' island on his ship.

The Sirens were mythical creatures. They were part woman and part bird. They lived on a rocky island in the middle of the sea. They sang the most beautiful songs. Sailors wanted to listen to the songs. Sometimes, sailors jumped into the sea when they heard the songs, and their ships crashed into the rocks. Nobody could pass the Sirens' island without disaster.

Ulysses told the sailors on his ship to put

wax in their ears. With wax in their ears, the sailors couldn't hear the Sirens singing. Ulysses didn't put wax in his ears because he wanted to hear the songs. He asked his sailors to tie him to the ship's mast so he couldn't jump off the ship.

When the ship passed the Sirens' island, the Sirens started singing. The sailors couldn't hear the songs. Ulysses could hear the songs, but he couldn't jump off the ship. The ship sailed safely past the island. The sailors untied Ulysses and removed the wax from their ears.

Ulysses was the only person to hear the Sirens' song and live to tell the tale.



## WRITE TRUE OR FALSE:

1. The Sirens were part woman and part bird.
2. Ulysses asked his sailors to tie him to a chair.
3. When the ship passed the Sirens' island, the Sirens started swimming.
4. Ulysses jumped off the ship.
5. The ship sailed safely past the island.
6. Ulysses was the only person to hear the Sirens' song and live to tell the tale.

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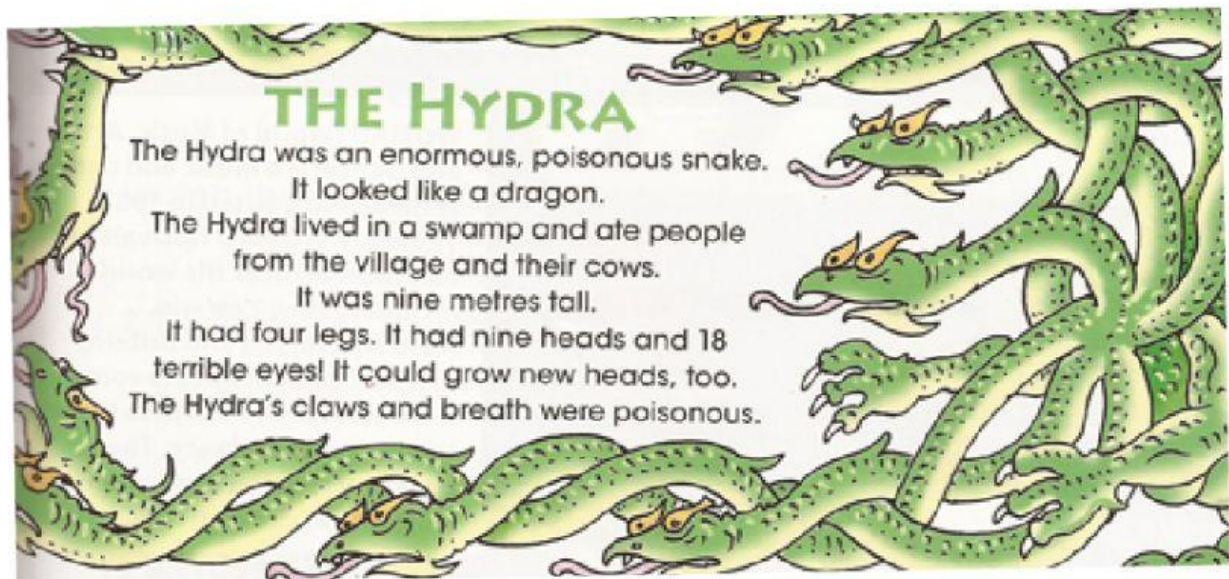
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### COMPLETE THE SENTENCES:

1. The Sirens were mythical \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Sirens were part \_\_\_\_\_ and part \_\_\_\_\_
3. They lived on an \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_
4. They sang the most \_\_\_\_\_
5. Sailors wanted to \_\_\_\_\_
6. Sometimes, sailors \_\_\_\_\_ when  
\_\_\_\_\_ and their ships  
\_\_\_\_\_

### LISTEN, READ AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:



1. What was a Hydra? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did it look like? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where did it live? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did it eat? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many heads did a Hydra have? \_\_\_\_\_



