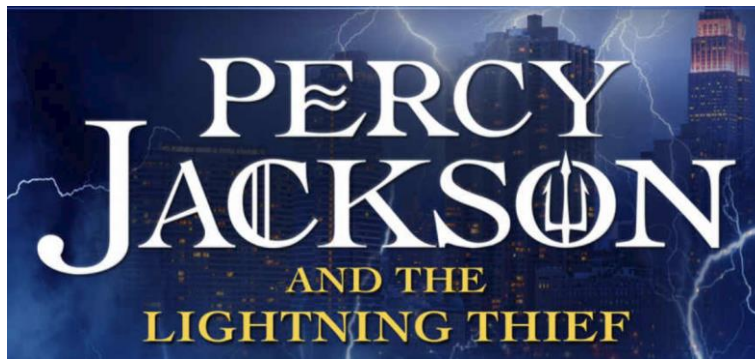


CHARACTERS

Percy Jackson	Main character (protagonist). A boy diagnosed with dyslexia and ADHD.
Sally Jackson	Percy's mother. A kind and loving woman who had an affair with a god. Now married to Gabe Ugliano.
Nancy Bobofit	A student at Yancy Academy who is a bully and causes trouble for Percy.
Grover Underwood	Percy's best friend who is a satyr sent to keep a watchful eye on him.
Gabe Ugliano	Percy's step father. He smells bad, is horrible to Percy and has a poker habit.
Mr Brunner	Percy's Latin teacher at Yancy Academy. He is in a wheelchair.
Chiron	Posed as Mr Brunner at the start of the story. He is a centaur.
Annabeth Chase	Daughter of Athena. Percy's friend and competitor at Camp Half-Blood.
Luke	Counsellor of the Hermes cabin. He helps Percy in his first few days at Camp Half-Blood.
Clarisse	Daughter of Ares and the bully at Camp Half-Blood.

THEMES

Heroism
The Power of Parental Love/Regard
Learning Difficulties (ADHD, dyslexia)
Vice (alcoholism, gambling, promiscuity)
Competition and Rivalry
Deception, Betrayal and Trickery
Environmentalism



PLACES AND FACES



The Furies
Minions sent from the Underworld



The Fates
Weavers of the destiny of men



Satyr
Half man, half goat



Centaur
Half man, half horse, archers



Cyclopes
Giant with eye on forehead



Chimera
Hybrid of more than one animal

FANTASY TROPES

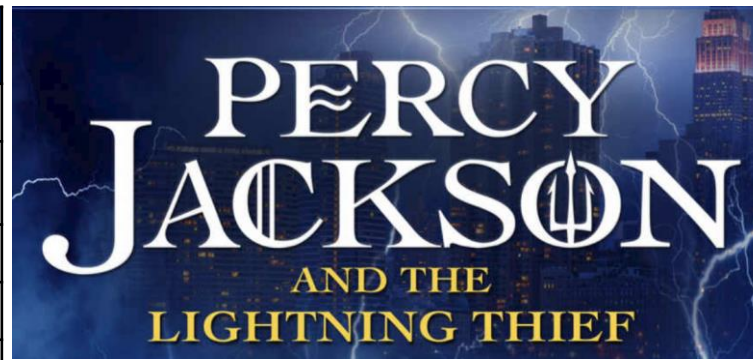
Trope	A recurring theme or motif within a genre
Blackout	A character loses consciousness when they use a special power
Names have power	Characters will avoid using the names of evil beings e.g. in case they are summoned or evoked
Light means goodness	The goodness of a character is shown in descriptions of light which can also be golden/yellow
The One	A hero is expected to come due to prophecy
Magical items	Objects or gifts have powers e.g. sword, shoes, cap
Dreams	Dreams carry symbolic meaning and tell of some hidden truth
Quest	A hero is given a dangerous task to do to prove themselves
Test of Faith	A hero has to risk their life to prove their belief in a higher power
Humans as sport for gods	Gods often shown to be playing with human lives in uncaring way
Life force	The idea that energy flows through a living thing

LITERARY DEVICES

1 st person narrative	The story is narrated by the main character (protagonist) using personal pronouns 'I', 'we'.
Simile	Comparison of one thing with another e.g. like/as _ as
Pathetic fallacy	Human emotion given to e.g. the weather
Symbolism	Objects or ideas used to represent something else
Motif	Repeated details that link to theme e.g. Blue, dolphin
Allusion	Reference designed to call something to mind
Contrast	Putting different things alongside one another
Colloquial tone	A friendly, informal style

CLASSICAL KNOWLEDGE

Ares	God of war. (Clarisse's father)
Athena	Goddess of wisdom and battle strategy. (Annabeth's mother)
Aphrodite	Goddess of love and beauty.
Apollo	God of the sun and archery.
Artemis	God of the hunt.
Demeter	Goddess of the harvest.
Dionysus	God of wine and madness. (Mr D. Director at Camp Half-blood)
Iris	Goddess of rainbows. (Percy sends an 'iris-message')
Kronos	Titan father of Zeus, Poseidon and Ares. Lord of the Titans.
Hades	God of the Underworld. Husband of Persephone.
Hephaestus	God of forging.
Hera	Goddess of marriage.
Hermes	God of travellers, communication and thieves.
Oracle of Delphi	The Pythia was the High Priestess who gave messages of the future.
Persephone	Goddess of springtime and Queen of the Underworld .
Pan	God of the wild, shepherds and flocks.
Poseidon	God of the Sea, earthquakes and horses. (Percy's father)
Prometheus	The Titan of trickery and craftiness. Gave humans fire.
Titans	The six sons and six daughters of Uranus and Gaea. Super gods.
Zeus	God of the Sky. Killed Kronos by slicing him up and putting him in a pit.



PLACES AND FACES



Mount Olympus
Where the gods live at pleasure



River Styx
Cross to the Underworld



The Parthenon in Athens
Typical use of columns



Frieze
A band of sculpture on building



Minotaur
Half man, half bull



Medusa
Snakes for hair,
can turn you to stone (petrify)

AMERICAN CONTEXTS

New York	Much of the novel is set in New York, New Jersey , in North East America. Districts: Manhattan, Queens and Long Island (where Percy goes to Montauk Park with his mother). Major travels hubs: Grand Central Station (rail), the New Jersey Turnpike (interstate toll roads) and La Guardia airport. The Hudson River is used as a landmark.
American History	The Revolutionary War was fought between Great Britain and its 13 colonies 1775-1783. At the end of the war the United States of America declared independence . Events of the war: The Battle of Saratoga (resulted in surrender of British general) and George Washington heroically crossing the Delaware River as part of a surprise attack. Washington became the first President.
Travel	Percy travels west from New Jersey to Las Vegas in the desert of Nevada . He crosses Ohio, Mississippi, Kansas , stopping at landmarks for adventures such as the Gateway Arch in St Louis and the casinos of Las Vegas . The Greyhound bus network and the Amtrak rail network are forms of interstate transport. Famous geographical landmarks such as the Rocky Mountains and The Grand Canyon . National Geographic is a famous magazine and digital TV channel which charts geography and wildlife.
School	Percy attends private boarding school due to his poor behaviour. Pupils sleep in shared dorm rooms . The school site is called the campus . Break is called ' recess '. Young children go to kindergarten (pre-school in UK).
Food	Latin American influence from Mexico e.g. enchiladas, nacho cheese and bean dip . The iconic cheeseburger and fries . Percy enjoys Oreos (American sandwich style biscuit). Fizzy drinks are called ' soda '. Cafes are called ' diners ' and typically feature ' booths ' in which diners sit to eat.
Fashion	Americans shop in ' thrift-stores ' (bargain/charity shops) and ' malls ' (specially built shopping centres). Colourful clothing choices such as Bermuda shorts and Hawaiian shirts show the influence of nearby island nations. Converse High Tops are a fashionable brand of trainer/pump.
Social	Stereotypes of California girls (tanned and blonde) and New Jersey girls (carefully dressed) and Americans living in trailer parks (trashy). Hip Hop is popular. Friends share cars to save money (' carpooling '). Baseball is a popular sport and the Yankees are the New York team.