



Read each myth or legend carefully. Use details from the passage to answer the questions in complete sentences.

Zeus and the Titans

Long ago, before the Olympian gods ruled, the mighty Titans held power. Cronus, the king of the Titans, feared his own children would one day overthrow him. So, each time his wife Rhea gave birth, Cronus swallowed the baby whole.

But Rhea was clever. When her youngest son, Zeus, was born, she hid him away. She gave Cronus a stone wrapped in cloth instead, which he swallowed, thinking it was Zeus.

Zeus grew up strong and brave. He returned to challenge his father, Cronus, and the other Titans. A great war, called the Titanomachy, began.

With the help of his siblings, whom Cronus had swallowed and Zeus freed, Zeus defeated Cronus and the Titans. He cast them deep into the underworld. That is how Zeus became the powerful king of the gods on Mount Olympus.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Who is the main character in this myth, and what is their role?

- ☐ A Cronus, king of the Titans ☐ B Rhea, mother of Zeus ☐ C Zeus, king of the gods
☐ D Hades, god of the underworld



(2) In this myth, Rhea had to hide Zeus away in order to save him from being

_____.

(3) What does the word 'overthrow' mean as it is used in the story?

- ☐ A to help someone win ☐ B to take power from someone ☐ C to give a gift to someone
☐ D to hide something away

(4) Why did Cronus swallow his children? What does this tell us about his character?

(5) What do you think this myth was trying to explain or teach? How does its message connect to something in real life today?

