

Hercules' mum was a normal person but his dad was Zeus, the king of Gods!



Zeus loved Hercules very much but his mother did not. She sent snakes into his bed but he crushed them with his hands! He was very strong, even as a baby.



To protect Hercules, his dad sent him to live with mortals (people like you and me).



Hercules' mum finds him and tricks him into thinking he has done something terrible.



He must complete 12 tasks to be free of the guilt and live forever as a legend.



1. He must defeat the lion who had eaten every hunter before. He tricked the lion and wore his pelt as a hat.



2. He must defeat the hydra. A snake with 9 heads! Hercules chopped off the heads and buried them underground.





3. He must catch a wild boar. He chased it until it was tired and tied it up.



4. He must catch the very fast stag with golden antlers.



5. He must kill the evil birds with razor sharp beaks and feathers to hurt people.



6. He must clean the stables filled with many animals that had not been cleaned in YEARS!



7. He must catch the bull who had bullied an island for years.



8. He must take an item of clothing from an Amazonian soldier who everyone was scared of.



9. He had to steal the cows off a man with 3 bodies and heads and his two headed dog.



10. He had to capture horses that ate people.



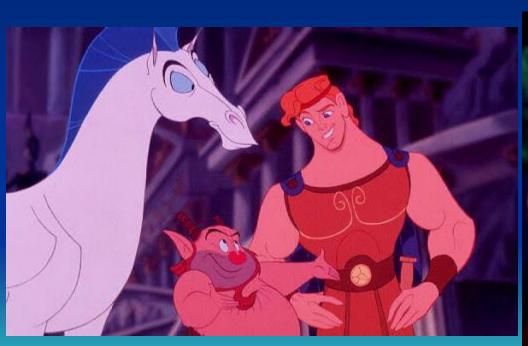
11. He was to find special golden apples that could make a person live forever.



12. He must catch the three headed dog that helped Hades guard the underworld.



Hercules completed all of these tasks in the cleverest and kindest ways he could and made a lot of friends along the way.





He lived forever because we still talk about him today and by learning his story, we can think about how we should act when facing a challenge and treating other people.

