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# Medusa



**DIRECTIONS:** Write “entertain” next to the paragraph that was written to entertain. Write “persuade” next to the paragraph that was written to persuade. Write “inform” next to the paragraph that was written to inform.

1. Medusa was a sea nymph. She made the goddess Athena so angry that Athena turned Medusa’s hair into snakes, and her lower body into the body of a serpent. She made Medusa so ugly that one look from her would turn anyone into stone.

2. Perseus’ heart pounded in his chest. He held his shield out in front of him, using it as a mirror to see Medusa’s reflection. He felt almost blind, creeping along in this way, but he was terrified of accidentally looking directly at her, and of being turned to stone.

3. Everyone should read the Greek myths. They tell us a great deal about human nature. They also tell us a lot about the time period that they came from.