**What is a Hero anyway?**

Heroes are called upon to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or to follow a goal or quest.

**How the Labors began…**

On the day of Hercule’s birth, Zeus swore an oath that a descendent of Perseus born on that day would eventually rule all of Greece.Zeus’ wife \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ delayed Hercule’s birth and arranged for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, also a descendent of Perseus, to be born that day instead.

 When Hercules was an infant, Hera sent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to his cradle to kill him, but even then Hercules showed his divine birth by killing them.

Hera caused Hercules to go mad, and in a fit of insanity, Hercules accidentally killed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Grief stricken, Hercules went to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to rid himself of his crime. The Delphi told Hercules that he must spend the next \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ serving King Eurytheus.

**The Lernaean Hydra**

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Hercules was to kill the Lernean Hydra. The hydra was a serpent with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Every time Hercules struck one of the Hydra's heads, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would grow in its place! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came to Hercules' rescue by holding a torch to the neck before the heads could grow back.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What was the name of the Labor below?**

Diana was very angry because Hercules tried to kill her sacred animal. She was about to take the deer away from Hercules, but Hercules told her he had to obey the oracle and do the labors King Eurystheus had given him. Diana let go of her anger and healed the deer's wound. Hercules carried it alive to Mycenae.

**The Amazons**

King Eurystheus wanted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a present to give to his daughter, and he sent Hercules to bring it back.

**The Apples of the Hesperides**

King Eurystheus commanded Hercules to bring him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which belonged to Zeus, king of the gods. Hera had given these apples to Zeus as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What was the name of the Labor below?**

This was by far the most dangerous one because Hercules had to go down into the Underworld and retrieve its guardian. This seemed to be an impossible task because it was believed that no living person could get in and out of the Underworld.