

Orpheus and Eurydice

Read the story carefully, then answer the following questions in as much detail as you can:

1. How do we know that Orpheus' music was so powerful?
2. What happened when Eurydice ran from Aristaeus?
3. What did Orpheus decide to do when Eurydice died?
4. Why did Hades allow Orpheus to try and get Eurydice back?
5. Orpheus faced three obstacles on his journey out of the underworld. What were these obstacles?
6. Use evidence from the text to draw and label a picture of Cerberus.
7. When Orpheus saw Cerberus 'his heart pounded in his chest and his ears rang painfully'. What does this tell us about how Orpheus felt?
8. What stopped Orpheus from crossing the river?
9. Why did Orpheus look back across the river for Eurydice?
10. Orpheus thought his quest would be easy. Why did he fail?

Challenge:

Can you write an additional obstacle for Orpheus into the story?

