

For your *Lightning Thief* audition please prepare one of the provided monologues below! Choosing the right monologue is an important part of your audition preparation. A polished monologue gives you a chance to show off your acting skills and demonstrate your connection to the production. Please select one of the excerpts below for your acting audition. Please note that the monologue selected does not have to correspond with the role you are auditioning for.

PERCY

Look, I didn't want to be a half-blood. Being a half-blood is dangerous. It's scary. Most of the time, it gets you killed in painful, nasty ways. Things really started going bad last May, when our sixth-grade class took a field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to look at ancient Greek and Roman stuff. I hoped the trip would be okay. At least, I hoped that for once I wouldn't get in trouble. Boy, was I wrong. See, bad things happen to me on field trips. Like at my fifth-grade school, when we went to the Saratoga battlefield, I had this accident with a Revolutionary War cannon. I wasn't aiming for the school bus, but of course I got expelled anyway. And before that, at my fourth-grade school, when we took a behind-the-scenes tour of the Marine World shark pool, I sort of hit the wrong lever on the catwalk and our class took an unplanned swim. And the time before that...Well, you get the idea. This trip, I was determined to be good.

GROVER

I should've told you. But I thought, if I did, you'd never want me on this quest if you knew what a failure I really am. This was way before I met you. Chiron sent me to escort three half-bloods to camp. Two were runaways. One was Annabeth, one was Luke, and the other was Thalia. Tough girl. Like her dad. Zeus. We'd almost made it to camp, but I got nervous and we got lost. By the time we found the hill, something else found us. Thalia saved us. We only survived because she stayed to hold off the monsters. She paid for her sacrifice with her life. That's when Zeus showed up. It was too late to save her, but as she died, he turned her into a tree, so she could stand protecting us forever, the way I couldn't do for her. I don't know why you heard her name in your dream. But I know what it means. If we fail this quest, it's gonna be my fault.

LUKE

Believing doesn't make it easier. Trust me. All your life, you think your dad is some dead-beat, but it turns out, he's a dead-beat god! I get how you feel. I was your age when I found out my dad was Hermes, the messenger god. You know, Old-Wings-on-his-Shoes? I went on a quest last summer. My dad told me to steal a golden apple from some garden. It wasn't important, the world wasn't at stake. Who knows, maybe he thought it would be fun to watch. Or he had a craving for apples. Anyway, I got the apple, but there was a dragon guarding it. So I also got this scar. That's when I realized: the gods don't care about us, or if we get hurt. Look, I'm not gonna say you owe your dad anything because you don't. But what about your mom?

SALLY

I don't understand, Percy. What happened on this field trip? You know what, it doesn't matter. We'll find another school. Again. How would you like to take a trip? Just the two of us. (beat) I thought I'd be enough to protect you. But you deserve the truth. But the truth might also mean saying goodbye to you. For good. Percy, your father is... Your father didn't want to leave; he didn't have a choice. He wanted to meet you. And he warned me things might be hard if you were...like him. You'll see, baby. You're destined for great things.

ANNABETH

You can open your eyes, but don't look directly at her. She can still turn you to stone, even after you've chopped off her head. I should've known who she was sooner. My mom's gonna be so disappointed. Medusa used to be beautiful, until Athena... turned her into a monster. Medusa disrespected her. She was sneaking into Athena's temple to meet up with her boyfriend, Poseidon. *(to Percy)* Yeah, Medusa dated your dad. People always devalue wisdom, so she has to be tough! It's the only way to get people to respect you! I mean her. I mean... forget it. Look, I've studied, I've trained, I've done everything to prove to the gods that I'm the best. And you show up and-- You don't even know how to hold a sword. You know the only gift my mom ever gave me? A hat that makes you invisible. You put it on and no one can see you. It seemed appropriate.

ORACLE (A MUMMY)

Approach, child. I am the spirit of Delphi, speaker of the prophecies of Phoebus Apollo. Approach and face your destiny.

AUNTY EM (MEDUSA)

Why use a camera when you have a face like Medussssa?! Ssssuch a brave hero. Jusst like your father. But trussst me, your quest ends here.

HADES

I can give you your freedom, your friends, and your mother. All it will cost is a little war. The choice is yours, Son of Poseidon. I'll give you a moment to consider.