

## PERSEUS

- King **Acrisius** of Argos told by oracle of Apollo at Delphi that son of his daughter **Danae** would kill him.
- Locked Danae in a tower but visited by **Zeus** in a shower of golden coins. (Klimt painting)
- Son **Perseus** heard crying so Acrisius locked both in a wooden box and thrown into Aegean sea.
- Storm broke box open and floated to Isle of **Seriphos**, found by **Dictes** and brought up as family.
- King **Polydectes**, wanted to marry Danae but needed to get rid of Perseus so arranged a great feast at Serephos for all the young men who brought gifts except for Perseus .
- For his "gift" the King sent him to get head of **Medusa**, the mortal of three sisters made horrible by ..... when Medusa rejected him . Snakes in hair and turned men to stone.
- **Hermes** gave him a sickle to cut off the head and Athena lent him her shield.
- Told to go to the **Grey Sisters**, the daughters of Titan Phorcus who had been born old with only one eye and one tooth between them.
- He took the eye as they passed it from one to the other as they sat at the mouth of their cave. To get it back they told him where to find the **Northern Nymphs** where he rested up.
- The nymphs give him :- **The Shoes of Swiftmess** to escape from Medusa's sisters.  
A **magic wallet** to carry away the head  
The **Cap of Hades** (dog skin) to make wearer invisible.
- Reached the land of the **Gorgons** with statues of men and animals turned into stone by a glance of the Gorgons.
- Found the three sisters – Medusa had snakes instead of hair, sisters dragons scales.  
White tusks, hands of brass and golden wings.
- Wearing Cap of Darkness saw Medusa's reflection in shield and cut off head with adamantine sickle.
- Dropped head in wallet and fled over Africa.
- Blood from head fell on desert over Africa and an oasis appeared from the sand.
- Found **Andromeda** naked bound to a rock in the sea.