

Level 1-5
Bellerophon and Pegasus

Workbook

Teacher's Guide and Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

Bellerophon and Pegasus is a Greek legend about a hero and his flying horse.

Bellerophon is handsome and brave. He rides a white horse named Pegasus. Pegasus can fly. King Proteus's wife, the queen, is in love with Bellerophon, but he does not love her. This makes her angry, so she asks her husband to kill Bellerophon.

King Proteus likes Bellerophon. He does not want to kill Bellerophon himself. He writes a note to the queen's father, King Lobates, asking him to kill Bellerophon. Bellerophon takes the note to King Lobates.

King Lobates likes Bellerophon. When he reads the note, he is sad. He does not want to kill Bellerophon. There is a bad animal named Chimera. King Lobates tells Bellerophon to kill it. He thinks that Chimera will kill Bellerophon instead.

Bellerophon and Pegasus fly above the Chimera. Bellerophon kills Chimera with one arrow. King Lobates is very happy. He decides not to kill Bellerophon.

Bellerophon marries King Lobates's youngest daughter, Philonoe. They are happy for many years.

One day, Bellerophon decides to visit the gods. He is not a god, so it makes Zeus very angry. Zeus sends a fly to bite Pegasus. Bellerophon falls off Pegasus, and he never sees his horse again.

2. Section Summary

► **Pages 6-11:** Bellerophon is brave and handsome. The queen loves Bellerophon, but he does not love her. She is angry and asks her husband, King Proteus, to kill him. King Proteus likes Bellerophon. He tells Bellerophon to give a note to the queen's father, King Lobates.

► **Pages 12-19:** King Lobates likes Bellerophon. He is sad when he reads the note because it tells him to kill Bellerophon. King Lobates has an idea. He tells Bellerophon to kill Chimera, a bad animal. He thinks Chimera will kill Bellerophon. However, Bellerophon kills Chimera with one arrow.

► **Pages 20-24:** Bellerophon marries the youngest daughter of King Lobates. They are happy for many years. One day, Bellerophon tries to visit the gods. This makes Zeus very angry because Bellerophon is not a god. Zeus sends a fly to bite Pegasus. Bellerophon falls off his horse. Bellerophon spends the rest of his life looking for Pegasus, but he never finds his horse again.

B. Background and Themes

★ **Heroes:** People who are brave are often called heroes. They do things that other people are too scared to do. Their bravery usually helps people and saves lives. Bellerophon is a hero. He is not afraid to fight Chimera. He kills the animal that has killed many people.

★ **Loyalty:** Loyalty is when you are faithful to someone. Others may try to persuade you to turn against the person you are loyal to, but you should always choose to be loyal. The queen loves Bellerophon, but Bellerophon ignores her love. He knows she is married and that it would be wrong for him to love her in return. He is loyal to King Proteus.

★ **Trust:** Trusting others is often hard to do because you may not know their true feelings about you. You do not know if they will do something to hurt you. Bellerophon trusts King Proteus and King Lobates. He does not know that they have been asked to kill him. If he did not trust them, he would have read the note that King Proteus wrote to King Lobates. Also, King Proteus trusted Bellerophon to deliver the note without reading it.

★ **Pride:** It is good to be proud of things that you can do, but too much pride will lead to trouble. Bellerophon becomes arrogant and thinks he can go anywhere he wants. He forgets that he is just a man, not a god. He thinks he is so great that no one can stop him. However, the gods are greater than he is. Zeus does not like Bellerophon's arrogance, so he punishes him by making him lose Pegasus.

Answer Key

Part A. Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction

1. He is a hero and a monster killer.
2. It has wings.
3. It was spoken, not written.

► Characters

1. Bellerophon	2. Pegasus
<u>handsome and brave</u> <u>monster killer</u>	<u>horse with wings</u>
3. Chimera	4. Zeus
<u>part lion</u> <u>makes fire</u>	<u>king of the gods</u>

While You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Beginning: Pages 6-11

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about a man with a flying horse.
2. I know the Greek myth about Daedalus and Icarus.
3. Another animal is the unicorn.

B. Review Questions

1. They like him because he is brave and handsome.
2. She wants him to die because he does not love her.
3. He gives him a note to take to King Lobates.

► Middle: Pages 12-19

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about Bellerophon killing a monster.
2. I would not read it unless I thought the note was written about me.
3. My monster would be made of a grizzly bear, a crocodile, and a wolf.

B. Review Questions

1. He asks him to kill a monster called Chimera.
2. He thinks Chimera will kill Bellerophon.
3. He shoots it with an arrow.

► End: Pages 20-24

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about a god who takes away Bellerophon's horse.
2. My favorite god is Zeus.
3. My favorite hero is Superman.

B. Review Questions

1. He marries King Lobates's youngest daughter, Philonoe.
2. It is a bad idea because he is not a god.
3. He falls off because a fly bites Pegasus.

Mini Quiz

a. A friend to all is a friend to none.

→ Someone who is friends with everyone makes none of them feel special.

b. A stumble may prevent a fall.

→ Correcting a small mistake may help you to avoid a bigger one.

c. Pride goes before a fall.

→ Some pride is a good thing, but too much pride leads to mistakes or failure.

After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. B: The game is exciting. Please play it.
5. A: The movie is funny. Please watch it.

► Challenge

1. King Proteus writes a note to the queen's father.
2. King Lobates asks Bellerophon to kill a bad animal.
3. Bellerophon shoots an arrow at Chimera and kills it.
4. Bellerophon looks for Pegasus but never finds Pegasus.

Part B. Skill Focus

Vocabulary Preview

A.

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. f / handsome | 2. c / queen |
| 3. j / kill | 4. a / hero |
| 5. b / decide | 6. i / arrow |
| 7. h / goat | 8. g / above |
| 9. d / angry | 10. e / daughter |

B.

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| 1. a | 2. a |
| 3. b | 4. a |
| 5. b | 6. b |
| 7. a | |

Reading Comprehension

► Beginning: Pages 6-11

A.

1. F 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. T

B.

1. Queen
2. King Proteus
3. King Lobates
4. Bellerophon

C.

1. d 2. a 3. c 4. b 5. d

► Middle: Pages 12-19

A.

1. T 2. T 3. F 4. F 5. F

B.

1. c 2. b 3. d 4. a

C.

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. d 5. b

► End: Pages 20-24

A.

1. F 2. T 3. F 4. F 5. T

B.

1. b 2. a 3. c 4. d

C.

1. c 2. a 3. c 4. c 5. b

Think and Write

1. love
2. queen
3. King
4. kill
5. want
6. Chimera
7. gods
8. bite

Vocabulary Review

1. decides
2. goat
3. rest
4. daughter
5. note
6. wings
7. handsome
8. scary
9. wife
10. tail

Summary

A.

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2	3

B.

1. The queen loves Bellerophon.
2. King Proteus writes a note to King Lobates.
3. King Lobates thinks Chimera will kill Bellerophon.
4. Bellerophon tries to visit the gods.

Book Report

Story b → d → a → e → c