

Discussion Prompts

Helios



Here are questions and statements to discuss with your partner. Use details and inferences from the passage to support your ideas. You may jot down notes on this page to remind you of your discussion.

1. Why was Helios the only one who could drive the chariot?
2. Why do you think Helios made such a rash promise to Phaëthon?
3. What does the author of this myth want readers to understand about nature?
About people? About pride?
4. Why does Zeus take control of the situation?
5. What character traits can you infer about Zeus?
6. What character traits can you infer about Phaëthon?
7. What is the central idea of this myth?