

Discussion Prompts

Athena and Arachne



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 does Zeus swallow his wife, Metis?
2. Explain why Athena had to burst out of Zeus's head.
3. Why does Athena win the contest with Arachne?
4. Evaluate the punishment Athena gives Arachne. Is it fair? Why or why not?
5. Use evidence from the text to describe three personality traits of Athena and
6. three of Arachne.
7. Compare and contrast Arachne and Phaëthon from "Helios."