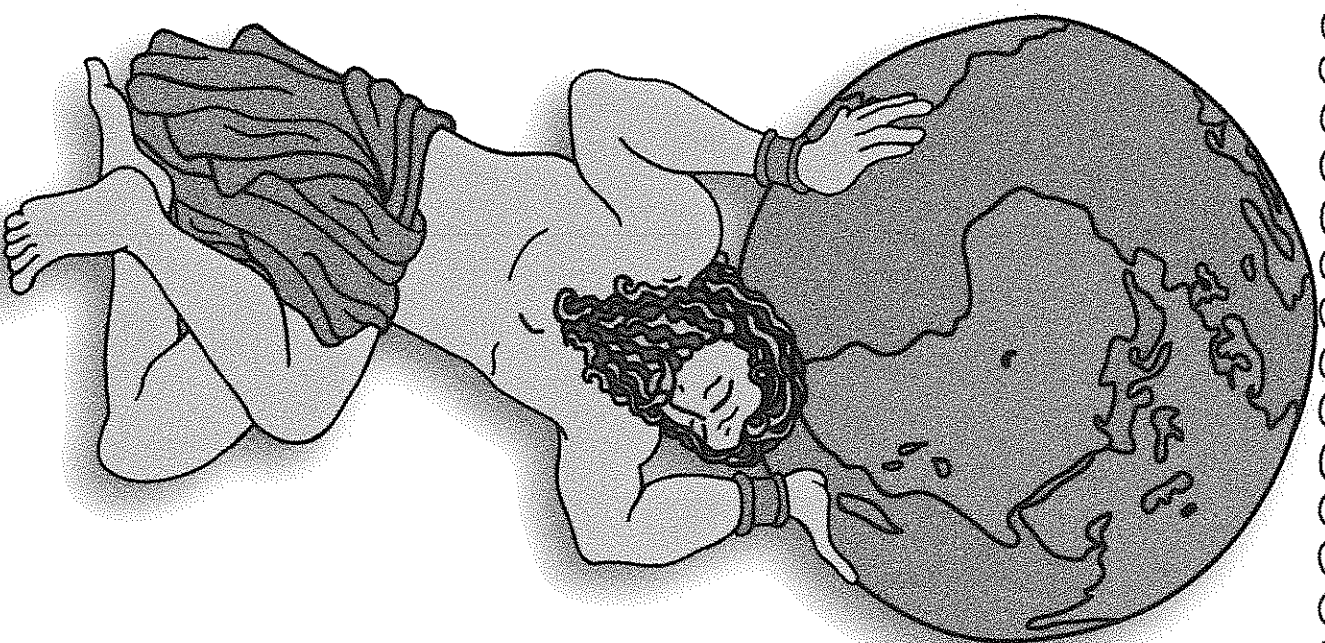


Atlas

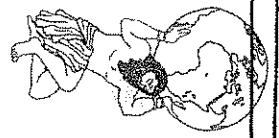
Atlas is the son of Iapetus and he had two brothers named Prometheus and Epimetheus. Atlas was a Greek Titan. He fought with the other Titans in the war against Zeus. Atlas led others in the fight to take Zeus' power over the Earth. The Titans wanted control of the mortal world.

Zeus was the mightiest of all Gods and was much stronger than the Titans believed. Atlas and the Titans were not successful. As a punishment Zeus sentenced Atlas to hold the world on his back for all eternity. It is also said that Atlas is the "carrier of the heavens".



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Complete the questions below using complete sentences.

Atlas



1. Was Atlas a Titan or a God? _____

2. Summarize the story of Atlas in your own words. _____

3. What do you think the phrase "he has the world on his shoulders" means?

4. What character trait would you use to describe Atlas? Use details from the text to explain why you chose this trait. _____

5. Why do you think Zeus chose this punishment for Atlas? _____

