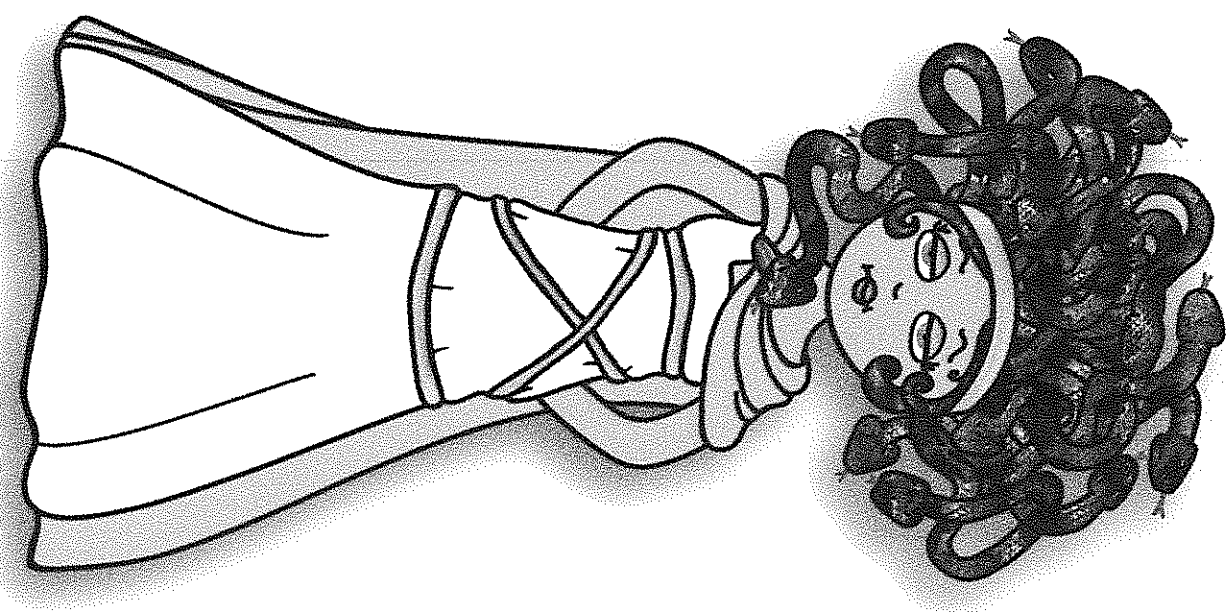


# Medusa

Medusa was born as one of the Gorgons. She was very beautiful. She lived far in the North, where the sun never visited. She asked the God Athena for permission to see the sun. Athena did not grant her permission to see the sun. This made Medusa angry. Medusa told Athena that she had made this choice because she was so beautiful and Athena was jealous of her beauty.

As a punishment Athena turned Medusa into an ugly creature, with snakes for hair. As if this punishment wasn't bad enough, Athena also laid a curse upon Medusa. If a person were to look directly into Medusa's eyes, they would quickly turn to stone forever.

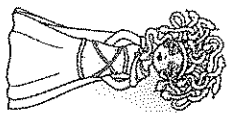


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Complete the questions below using complete sentences.

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1. Why did Medusa ask for permission to see the sun? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How do you know this story is a myth or fantasy? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Explain what made Athena angry. \_\_\_\_\_

4. What curse was laid upon Medusa? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What lesson did you learn from this story? \_\_\_\_\_