

# Orpheus

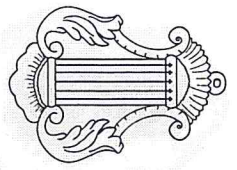
Orpheus had the gift of beautiful music and poetry. He was a great musician and poet. His music could charm beasts and even make the trees sway to his lovely tunes. When Orpheus' wife was bit by a serpent and taken to the underworld he was very upset.

Orpheus traveled to the underworld and begged Hades to bring his wife back. Hades was so taken by Orpheus' beautiful music that he agreed to let him bring his wife back to Earth. He only had one rule, as Orpheus was leaving the underworld he told him he must not look back. Just as Orpheus and his wife were almost back to Earth he looked back. His wife was taken back to the underworld. Orpheus lived alone the rest of his life, but legends say his music remained beautiful.



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Complete the questions below using complete sentences.

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1. What was Orpheus' gift? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why did Orpheus travel to the underworld? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What was Hades' one warning to Orpheus? Did he follow it? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What was the main idea of this story? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name two character traits to describe Orpheus. Explain why you chose these two traits. \_\_\_\_\_