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Who you gonna call? Percy Jackson!

Return to the world of Camp Half-Blood for World Book Day. Percy is celebrating in this special Percy Jackson short story. Grover's birthday when the god Apollo turns up...and he needs a favour. Apollo is due to perform in front of the other gods on Mount Olympus but one of his four singers is missing: can Percy find a way to capture her and return her to Apollo in time?

Wordsearch

Every demi-god needs an epic quest – here's yours! Can you search high and low and find all the hidden words in this puzzle?

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 I K B S F D K R O N O S R S X
 N Y Z S N K J G V O V I D Z
 O X U N D E R W O R L D P D E
 T C U F Z A H Y C P O D T L U
 A V O B H O L Y M P U S I R S
 U C P O S E I D O N Q J D R Q
 R L K J U J C E S R C G E Z R
 D O K A F M O R T A L H Q N
 K P D E M I G O D R Z L Q P C
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 Y O O L A B Y R I N T H W B C
 I G P E R C Y S W U W K O N A
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ZEUS
 MORTAL
 ANNABETH
 LABRYNTH
 RICK RIORDAN
 UNDERWORLD
 UNCLE
 CYCLOPS
 PERCY
 SATIR
 KRONOS
 RIPTIDE
 DEMIGOD
 HADES
 TITAN
 MINOTAUR

My son Haley asked me to tell him some bedtime stories about the gods and heroes. When I ran out of myths, he was disappointed and asked me if I could make up something new with the same characters. Off the top of my head, I made up Percy Jackson and told Haley all about it. I was very fond of *The Phantom Tollbooth* and *James And The Giant Peach*. As I said, *The Lord Of The Rings* was the most modern day America...

Where did you get your inspiration for the Percy Jackson series?
 Percy is short for 'Perseus', the legendary Greek hero. Percy's mom named him Perseus because he is one of the only heroes who has a happy ending...

Why is Percy called Percy?
 Important series that got me into reading. Reading is the single best thing you can do for your brain and for your future.

What were you like at school?
 I was a terrible student. I rarely did homework and never read the assigned books. Ironically, I later became a Bunny, and I knew all my students' tricks for trying to get out of work, because I had used them myself!

What was your favourite book when you were a child?
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Meet the Myth Master

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World Book Day is right round the corner and we're getting ready for a ginormous celebration of reading across the country.

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ROALD DAHL'S Matilda

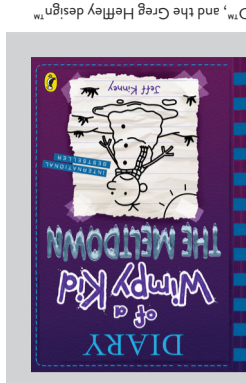
You might have noticed a marvellous competition on your World Book Day token this year... You could be jetting off to New York for the family holiday of a lifetime, inspired by Roald Dahl's *Matilda*!

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How does it feel to have been publishing Wimpy Kid books for over ten years?
 Sometimes I pinch myself. I never thought I'd get published. It's been a wild ride, for sure.

What does the process look like when you create a Diary of a Wimpy Kid book?
 It's a crazy, long process. I start by spending about four months writing jokes. Then I take a month and a half to write the manuscript, and then I start drawing. The illustrations take two months, but every day is a long one.

Why do you think kids across the world connect with Greg?
 I think kids see themselves in Greg. His stories are ordinary in many ways, and I think the stories of childhood are universal.

What is the best prank you have pulled?
 Once I hid under the cover of a hot tub and waited for someone to come and lift the cover off. I gave them the biggest scare of their life!

Have you got any advice for budding writers?
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A Quick Q+A with Jeff Kinney!

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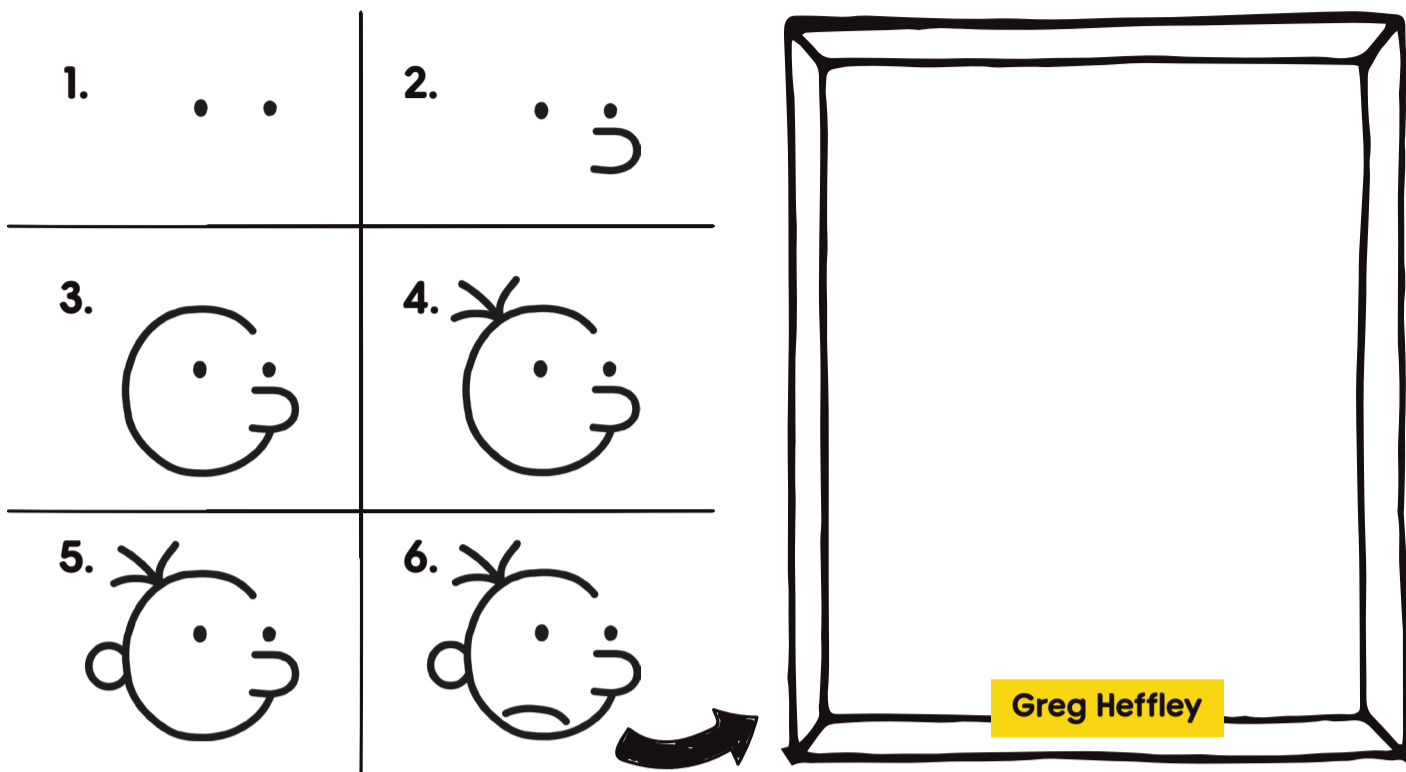
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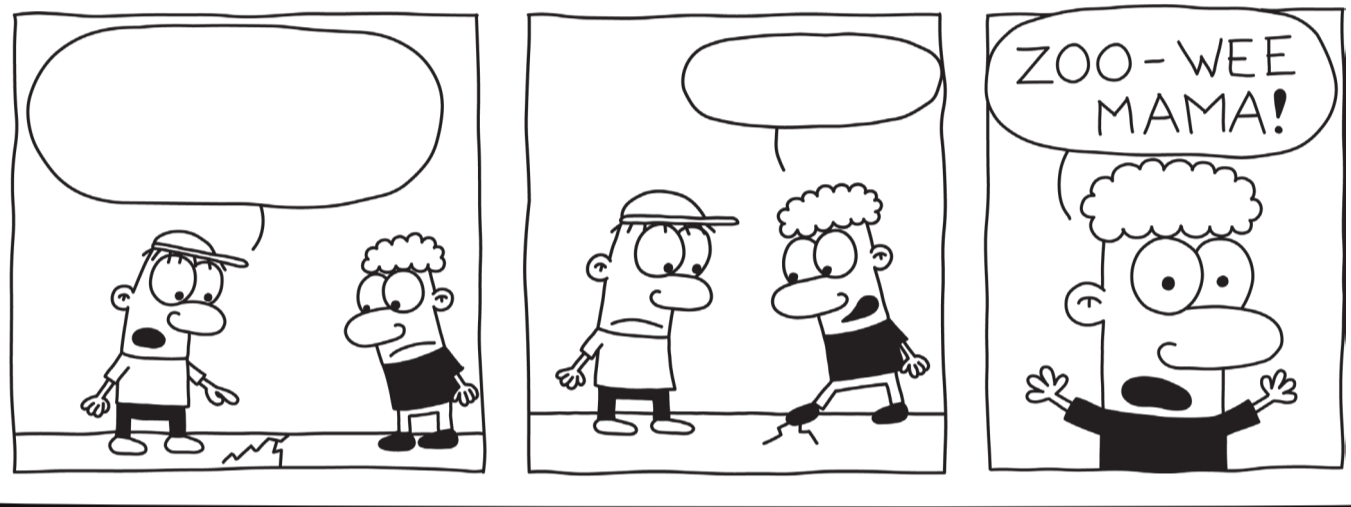
How to draw Greg Heffley

Follow the step-by-step instructions below and draw your own Greg Heffley!



Zoo-Wee Mama!

'Zoo-Wee Mama' is a comic that appears in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. Originally Greg's idea, Rowley continues to draw the comic after Greg abandons the project. Follow in their footsteps and create your own Zoo-Wee Mama comic strip using the boxes below!



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Create your own Greek god!

Build a profile for your character using the template below; think about the epic Greek gods from the Percy Jackson series for inspiration!

Mugshot

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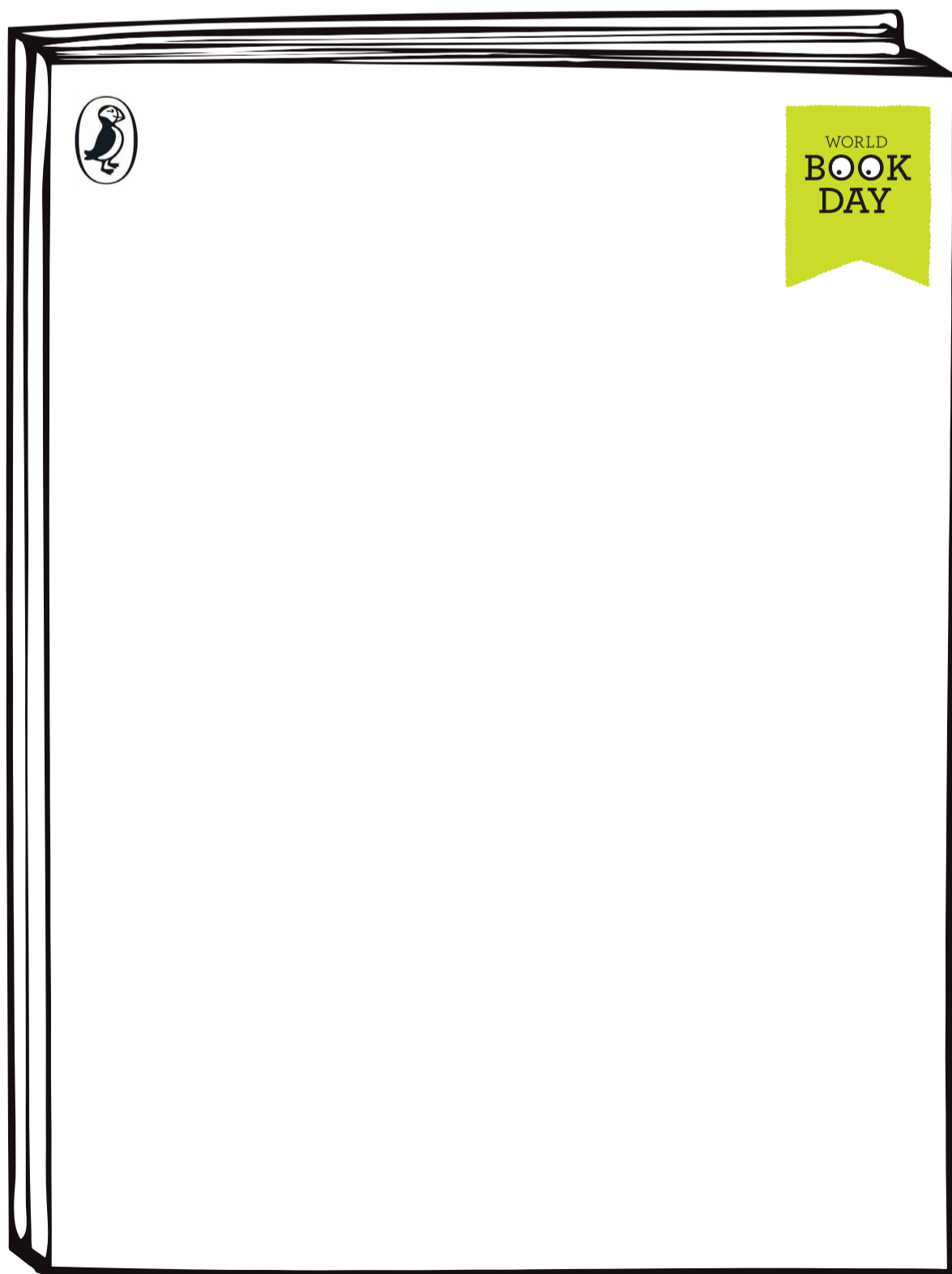
Favourite snack when relaxing on Mount Olympus



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Your World Book Day Book Cover!

What would your World Book Day book be called? Design your cover below – and don't forget to include your author name!



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The Great Big Book Quiz

1 What creature does Matilda put in Miss Trunchbull's jug of water?

2 Two silly skeletons live in a dark dark house on a dark dark street... Can you name the book they're from?

3 Peter Rabbit loves vegetables but which are his favourite?

4 Who is Tracy Beaker's arch-enemy?

5 What type of creature is the Christmasaurus?

6 In Robin Stevens's *Murder Most Unladylike* series, what are the names of the two main detectives?

7 What sort of animal is running late in *Alice in Wonderland*?

8 What does the BFG collect?

9 What's the first food eaten by the Very Hungry Caterpillar?

10 What is the name of Greg Heffley's best friend in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*?

11 Who is Percy Jackson's real dad?

12 What is the name of Mildred Hubble's best friend?

13 Complete this line from *Wonder*: 'It's not enough to be friendly, you have to be a.....'

14 What is the name of the little boy in *The Jungle Book*?

15 What colour is the cover of the very first *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book?

16 In *The Witches* by Roald Dahl, the witches try to turn children across the country into which animals?

17 In *The Wizard of Oz* what is the name of Dorothy's dog?

18 What colour is Peter Rabbit's jacket?

19 What colour are The Snowman's hat and scarf in the famous story by Raymond Briggs?

20 What type of animals are the main characters in *Watership Down*?

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