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Meet the Characters



Timoneus

A seafarer in Ancient Greece.



Odysseus

A hero from Ancient Greece.



The Three Sirens

Strange and dangerous creatures, half-bird and half-human.

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Dear Reader

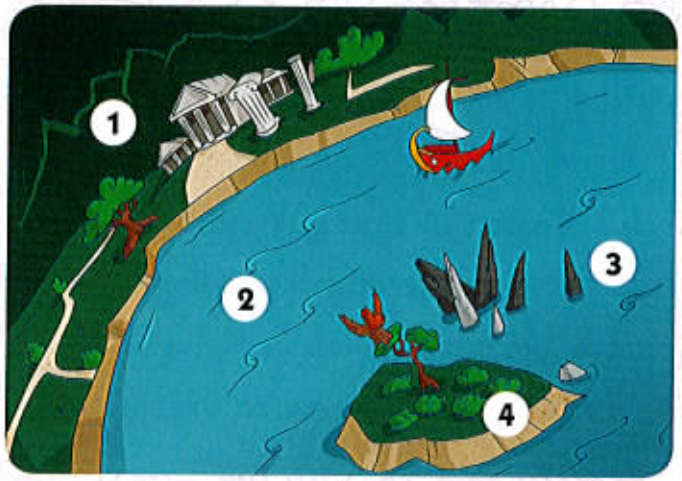
Odysseus was a famous ancient Greek hero who had many amazing adventures. Often, the stories that are told about him have a lesson or moral.

In this story, I've written about a friend of Odysseus's. See if you can spot the moral of the story, right at the end.

John Parsons
Author

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The Adventures of Timoneus



1. Ancient Greek port
2. Mediterranean Sea
3. Jagged rocks
4. Island of Anthemusa

1 Strange Things



This story of Timoneus, a famous ancient seafarer, begins in his young days.

A month after he reached the age of ten years, Timoneus was called to be a young seafarer with one of Greece's most famous heroes: Odysseus.

"In your journeys, you shall know many adventures and discover a wealth of strange things," confided Odysseus to Timoneus. And he was right, as this tale will tell.

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For many years, Timoneus learnt his seafarer's craft with Odysseus. One day, a beautiful golden sunrise spread above the Mediterranean horizon.

"Today, we sail to the mysterious and dangerous island of Anthemusa," said Odysseus. "There, I shall listen to the dangerous, haunting songs of the Sirens."



Fear struck Timoneus's heart. The Sirens were half-bird, half-woman. They sang a song so beautiful it lured helpless seafarers onto the jagged rocks and steep cliffs that surrounded Anthemusa.

• Reading Age - 8+ years

"It is said that these songs of pleasure end with nothing good!" said Timoneus.

"Fear not!" replied Odysseus. "I have a plan."



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