

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES & RESEARCH

VISUALIZING CHARACTERIZATION

Throughout the Kane Chronicles, Riordan infuses an array of fantastic and intriguing characters. One of the great rewards of reading a novel is the opportunity characters have to form images of the characters in their minds to give the story optimum meaning:

This paragraph shows how Riordan's use of the color yellow leads to the visual element.

Put students into groups with paper and pencils/markers/crayons, and give each group 15 min. to draw their interpretation of a particular hero, villain, deity, etc., from *The Serpent's Shadow* or the Kane Chronicles as a whole. When time has expired, have them compare their interpretations and discuss the nature and purpose of their similarities and differences. In particular, encourage them to recognize and account for commonalities and distinctions that are and are not provided by the text.

NOME ROAMING

The nomes in the Kane Chronicles are designations for the location of House of Life magicians. The inspiration for them were the nomes of ancient Egypt, which divided the realm of the pharaohs into administrative districts. These had much more than political significance, however—each also had specific totems and religious significance as well.

Assign student pairs or groups to research the nomes of ancient Egypt and their political, economic, and religious significance. How do these relate to the place of nomes in the Kane Chronicles?

Once research is finished, have research groups develop their own nomes, to include names, totems/affiliations to Egyptian mythology, and the significances of their choices.

EXTENDING SETTING AND CONTEXT

The Kane Chronicles highlights the treasures of ancient Egypt found across the globe in museums, art galleries, universities, and the like:


The antiquities holdings of many of the institutions Riordan incorporates into the novels are somewhat controversial. Countries such as Egypt, Iran, Syria, and Greece contend that they rightfully belong in museums in their countries. Have students research some of the arguments on both sides of this debate.



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Instruct participants to draft a resolution on the issue in which they must garner the support of other countries (who will obviously want their position represented in the resolution) in order to gain enough votes for the resolution to pass. Students may be awarded points or grades based on their participation and leadership in the activity, as well as how well they represent their state's position.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rick Riordan spent fifteen years as a public and private school teacher. In 1997, he began publishing his mystery popular *Tres Navas* series won three awards in the mystery genre—the Shamus, the Edgar Allan Poe Award, and the Anthony Award. His bestselling *The Olympians*, started as a bedtime story for his son. He now writes full-time. He lives in San Francisco with his wife and two sons.

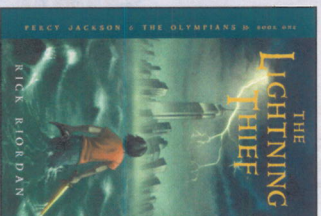
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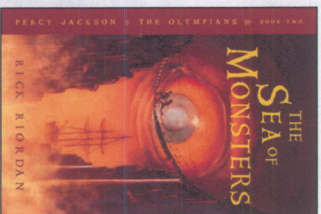
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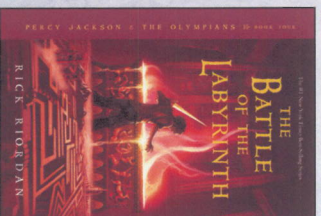
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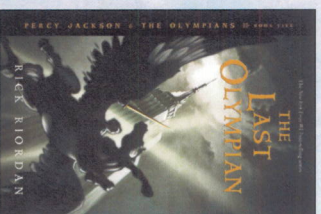
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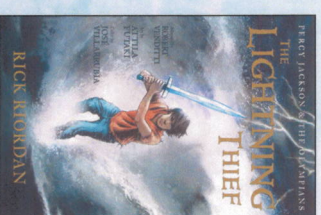
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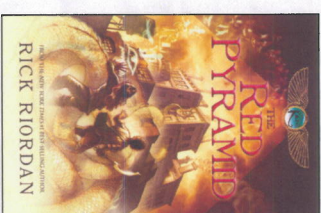
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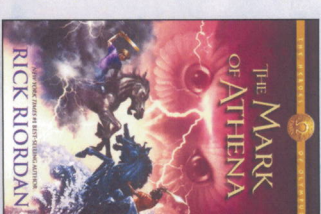
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