“Jason and the Argonauts”

**1. How does Jason NOT fit the “mold” of the traditional hero?**

2. What was Jason’s initiation or “rite of passage”?

3. Why did Jason go to Iolcus?

4. What plan of Hera’s does Jason play a major role in?

5. How does Pelias trick Jason and send him a challenge at the same time?

6. What makes Jason’s ship, the *Argo*, unique?

7. What kind of dinner guests were the Harpies? Why?

8. What were the Symplegades? How did Jason and his crew defeat them?

9. Where did the Golden Fleece Jason was seeking come from?

10. Who is Medea? Why is she able to help Jason?

11. What chore does King Aeetes require of Jason?

12. What makes this chore a challenge?

13. What “crop” does Jason plant”

14. How does he reap the fruits of his labor?

15. How does Jason defeat the dragon to obtain the Golden Fleece?