

## KEY TERMS :: HEROES, PERSEUS AND THE MYTHS OF ARGOS

Late Bronze Age (1600–1100 BCE) = Mycenaean Period  
 “the girl’s tragedy”

apotropaic

Argive (**ar-jiv** or **ar-giv**)

*Homer* (mid eighth-century BCE)

*Pindar* (c. 522–443 BCE)

*Simonides* (c. 556–468 BCE)

*Ovid* (3/20/63 BCE–17 CE)

Perseus (‘destroyer’)

### First Men of Argos

Oceanus + Tethys ➡ Inachus + Melia (ash-tree dryad) or  
 Argia ➡ Phoroneus and Io  
Io + Zeus ➡ Epaphus

### Descendants of Epaphus

Libya

Agenor (Phoenicia) ➡ Cadmus (Thebes) & Europa ➡  
Minos (Crete)

Belus + Achiroe ➡ Aegyptus & Danaüs ➡ Danaïds (50,  
 incl. Hypermnestra & Amymonê)  
 Hypermnestra + Lynceus ➡ Aba

Abas ➡ Proetus & Acrisius

Proetus + Stheneboea ➡ Proetids & Megapenthes

Acrisius ➡ Danaë + Zeus ➡ Perseus

Peristhenes + Androthoe ➡ Dictys (“netman”)

? + Androthoe ➡ Polydectes (“all-receiver”)

### Allies of Perseus

Athena & Hermes

### Perseus’ Magic Items

Invisibility Cloak

Winged Sandals

Pouch (*kibisis*)

Phorcys + Ceto ➡ **Graeae**

### Gorgons

Stheno (“strength”)

Euryalê (“far-leaper”)

Medusa (> Eurymedousa (?), “wide-ruling”)

Medusa ➡ Chrysaor (‘of golden sword’) & Pegasus

### Rescue of Andromeda

Cepheus + Cassiopea ➡ Andromeda

Phineus

### Descendants of Perseus

Perseus + Andromeda ➡ Perses, Electryon,  
 Sthenelus, Alcaeus, + 4 Others

### Bellerophon

Bellerophon ➡ Hippolochus & Laodamia

Iobates ➡ Stheneboea

Chimera

Pegasus

### Other Argive Heroes

Melampus: seer and one of the 7 Against Thebes

Tydeus: Another of the 7 Against Thebes

Diomedes: Tydeus’ son and hero in Trojan War.

### Important Cities of the Argolid

Argos

Tiryns

Mycenae

**KEY:** ||, equivalent name in Greek & Roman myth; ➡, “parent of”; underlined parents or offspring are significant; *italicized*, indicates historical figures; **bold italicized** indicates authors read for this assignment.