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Perseus and the Gorgon: The Myth of Medusa's Defeat

Short Answer Key

1. Perseus's parents were Zeus and Danaë, and he was raised on the island of Seriphos by a fisherman named Dictys.
2. Perseus defeated King Polydectes by revealing the head of Medusa, turning the king and his courtiers into stone statues.
3. Perseus received a polished shield from Athena, winged sandals from Hermes, and a helmet of invisibility from Hades.
4. Stheno and Euryale, Medusa's Gorgon sisters, were immortal and did not meet the same fate as Medusa. They continued to exist as Gorgons.
5. Pegasus, the winged horse, and Chrysaor, a giant, were born from Medusa's severed neck. Pegasus is known for its role in various myths, including aiding heroes like Bellerophon, while Chrysaor's significance is less prominent in Greek mythology.

