



Leo and the Gorgon's Curse - Diary Writing Activity

Learning Objectives

- To understand the key features of diary writing
- To express emotions and feelings through writing
- To use time connectives effectively
- To write in first person perspective

Success Criteria:

- I can identify diary features ★
- I can describe feelings and emotions ★
- I can write in chronological order ★
- I can use time words correctly ★

Activity 1: Diary Detective

Circle the features that belong in a diary entry. Cross out those that don't belong!

Dear Diary

Once upon a time

Today I felt

The end

First, I saw

Yours sincerely

Activity 2: Leo's Emotional Journey

Look at each scene and draw a line to match the correct emotion. Then write a sentence explaining why Leo felt this way.

Scene 1: Leo sees the Gorgon

Scene 2: Leo hides behind a pillar

I felt _____ because

I felt _____ because

Activity 3: Time Words Detective

Help Leo put his diary in order! Number these events 1-5, then write your own sentence using each time word.

Event	Number	Your Sentence
Then I saw the Gorgon's scary face		<input type="text"/>
First, I entered the dark cave		<input type="text"/>
After that, I had to be very quiet		<input type="text"/>

Activity 4: Complete Leo's Diary

Use words from the word bank to complete Leo's diary entry. Remember to think about how he was feeling!

Word Bank:

scared

shaking

racing

brave

Dear Diary,

Today I felt _____ because I had to face the Gorgon. When I first saw her, my hands were _____ and my heart was _____. I tried to be _____ even though I wanted to run away.

Continue the diary entry here...

Activity 5: Emotional Vocabulary Builder

Match these powerful feeling words to create more interesting diary entries. Then use them in your own sentences.

Instead of 'scared', try:

terrified

petrified

horrified

Instead of 'happy', try:

overjoyed

delighted

thrilled


Now write your own sentences using these words:

Activity 6: Setting Description Challenge

Help Leo describe the Gorgon's cave in his diary. Use your senses to add details!

 I can see...

 I can hear...

 I can smell...

Activity 7: Diary Planning Template

Plan your own diary entry as Leo. Think about what happened before, during, and after meeting the Gorgon.

Time	Events	Feelings
Morning		
Afternoon		
Evening		

Activity 8: Diary Success Checklist

Use this checklist when writing your final diary entry to make sure you've included everything!

- I started with 'Dear Diary'
- I wrote in first person (I, me, my)
- I included my feelings and emotions
- I used time words to order events
- I described the setting using my senses

Activity 9: Final Diary Writing Task

Using all your planning and practice, write your final diary entry as Leo. Remember to use the success criteria!

Lined writing area for the final diary entry, featuring a vertical red margin line on the left and horizontal grey lines.

Self-Assessment

Color the stars to show how well you think you did:



Extension Activities

If you've finished, try these challenge tasks!

Challenge 1: Diary Illustration

Draw a picture to go with your diary entry showing the most exciting moment.

Challenge 2: Different Perspective

Write a diary entry from the Gorgon's point of view!

Activity 5: Your Turn to Write!

Now write your own diary entry as Leo. Remember to include feelings, time words, and details about what happened!

Diary Writing Checklist

- I wrote 'Dear Diary'
- I used first person (I, me, my)
- I included time words
- I described my feelings
- I wrote about events in order

Self-Reflection

What did you do well in your diary writing today?

What could you improve next time?
