THESEUS

retold by Edith Hamilton

BACKGROUND

Ancient Greece is known for being the place where democracy was born. The mythical Greek hero Theseus is credited with founding the first democratic city-state in Athens. According to myth, Theseus is the son of Aegeus, king of Athens, and Aethra, princess of Troizen, a city in southern Greece.

America is a democracy

born to Greece!!!

Olympic!!!

The great Athenian hero was Theseus. He had so many adventures and took part in so many great enterprises that there grew up a saying in Athens, "Nothing without Theseus."

Star Trek

He was the son of the Athenian king, Aegeus. He spent his youth, however, in his mother's home, a city in southern Greece. Aegeus went back to Athens before the child was born, but first he placed in a hollow a sword and a pair of shoes and covered them with a great stone. He did this with the knowledge of his wife and told her that whenever the boy—if it was a boy—grew strong enough to roll away the stone and get the things beneath it, she could send him to Athens to claim him as his father. The child was a boy, and he grew up strong far beyond others, so that when his mother finally took him to the stone he lifted it with no trouble at all. She told him then that the time had come for him to seek his father, and a ship was placed at his disposal by his grandfather. But Theseus refused to go by water, because the voyage was safe and easy. His idea was to become a great hero as quickly as possible, and easy safety was certainly not the way to do that. Hercules, who was the most magnificent of all the heroes of Greece, was always in his mind, and the determination to be

Aegean Sea

Q/A Style

Ahe! Like King Arthur story

Being a hard dou work not w

Kno Kn!!! Twelve heroes

LANGUAGE COACH

Look at the word Athenian. An Athenian is a person from Athens. What is the suffix of this word? -ian

Name other words that use this suffix

-ian

I think the suffix means that you're from that place...

-Californian also uses that suffix

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