

The Ultimate Twelve- Step Program

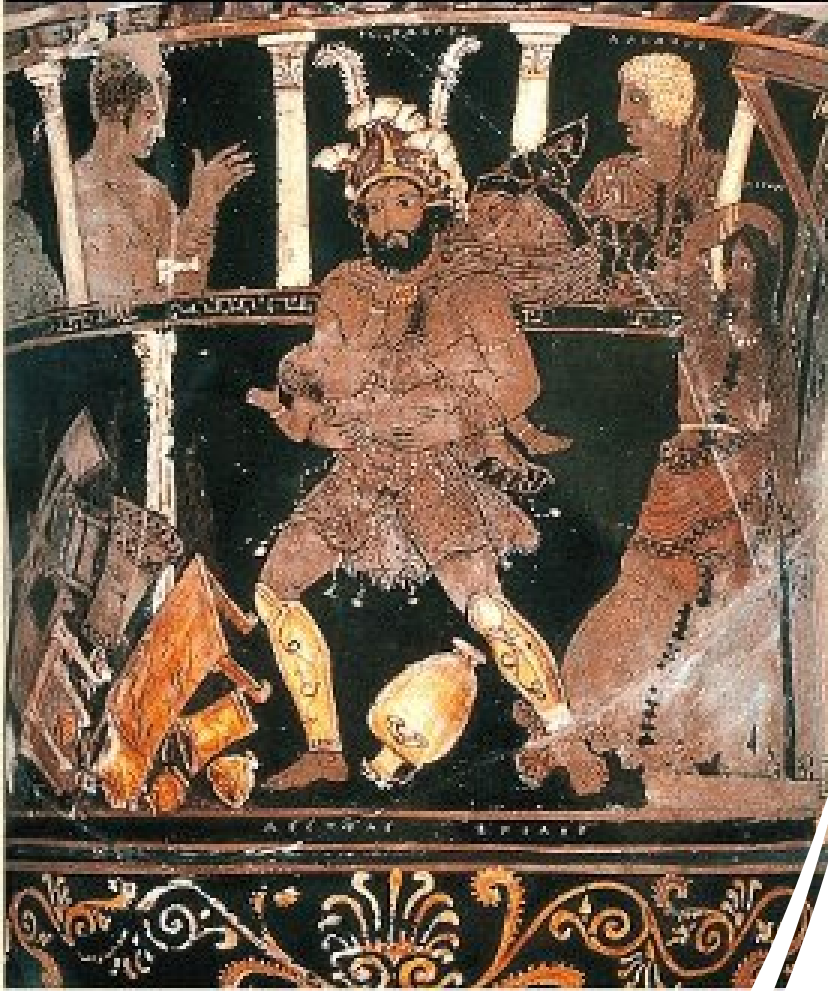
Hercules and the Twelve Labors

Sam Student, 9th Period



PENGUIN CLASSICS

EURIPIDES
—
HERACLES
AND OTHER PLAYS



Source Analysis

Euripides

- 484 BC – 406 BC
- One of three tragic dramatists
- Considered by Hamilton to be, exclusively in this case, more detailed than Ovid

The Play:

- Depicts the Life of Hercules up onto the completion of the Twelve Labors
- Written c. 415 BC



Duty to Avenge Family

- Hercules and Theseus
- Hercules' punishment

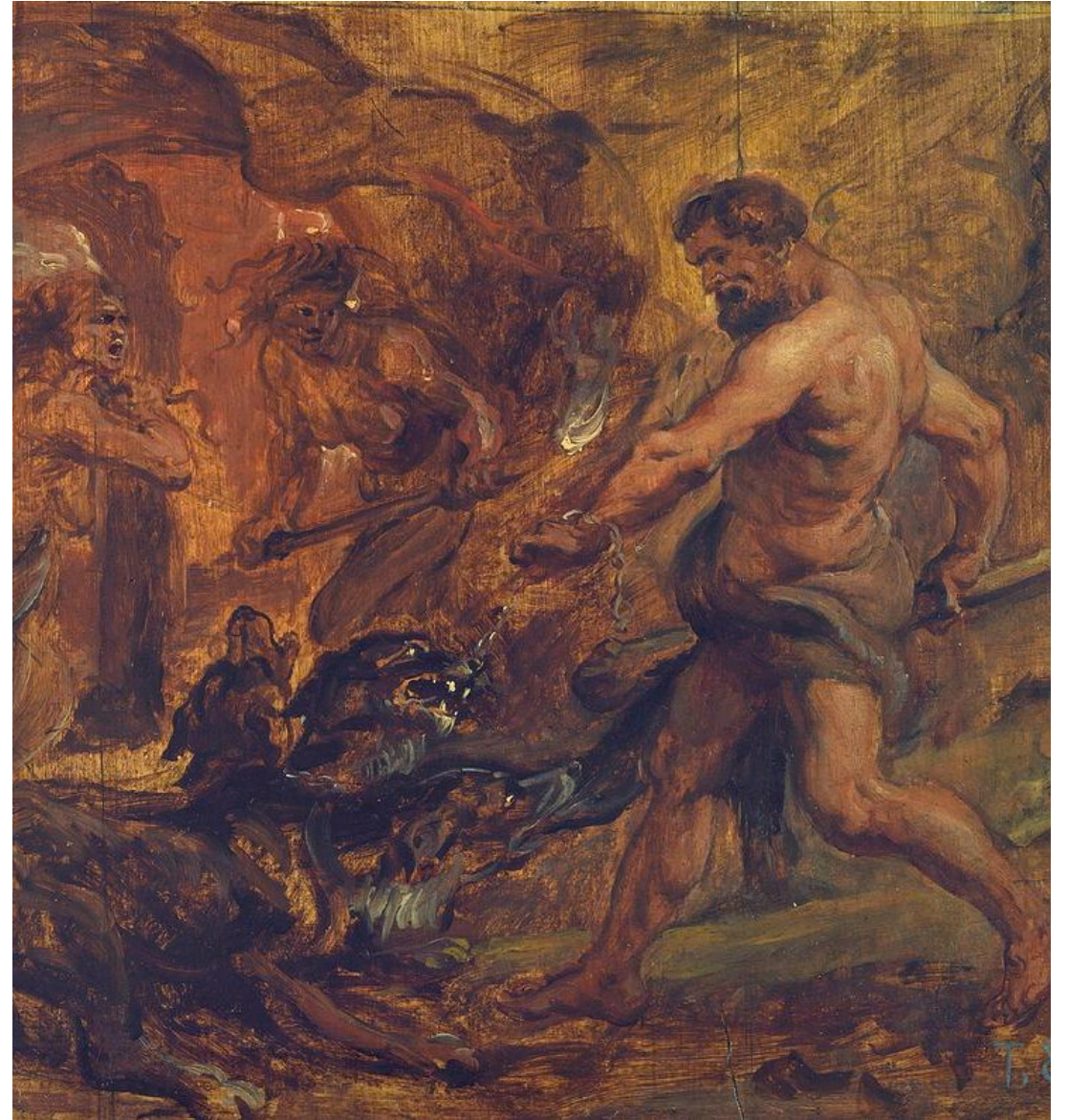


Assistance from the Gods

- Birds of Stymphalia
- Hades allowing him to attempt to capture Cerberus

Heroic Ability

- Strangling the lion of Nemea
- Burying the last head of the Hydra
- Diverting the courses of rivers
- Shooting down the Stymphalian birds
- Bringing Cerberus to the overworld



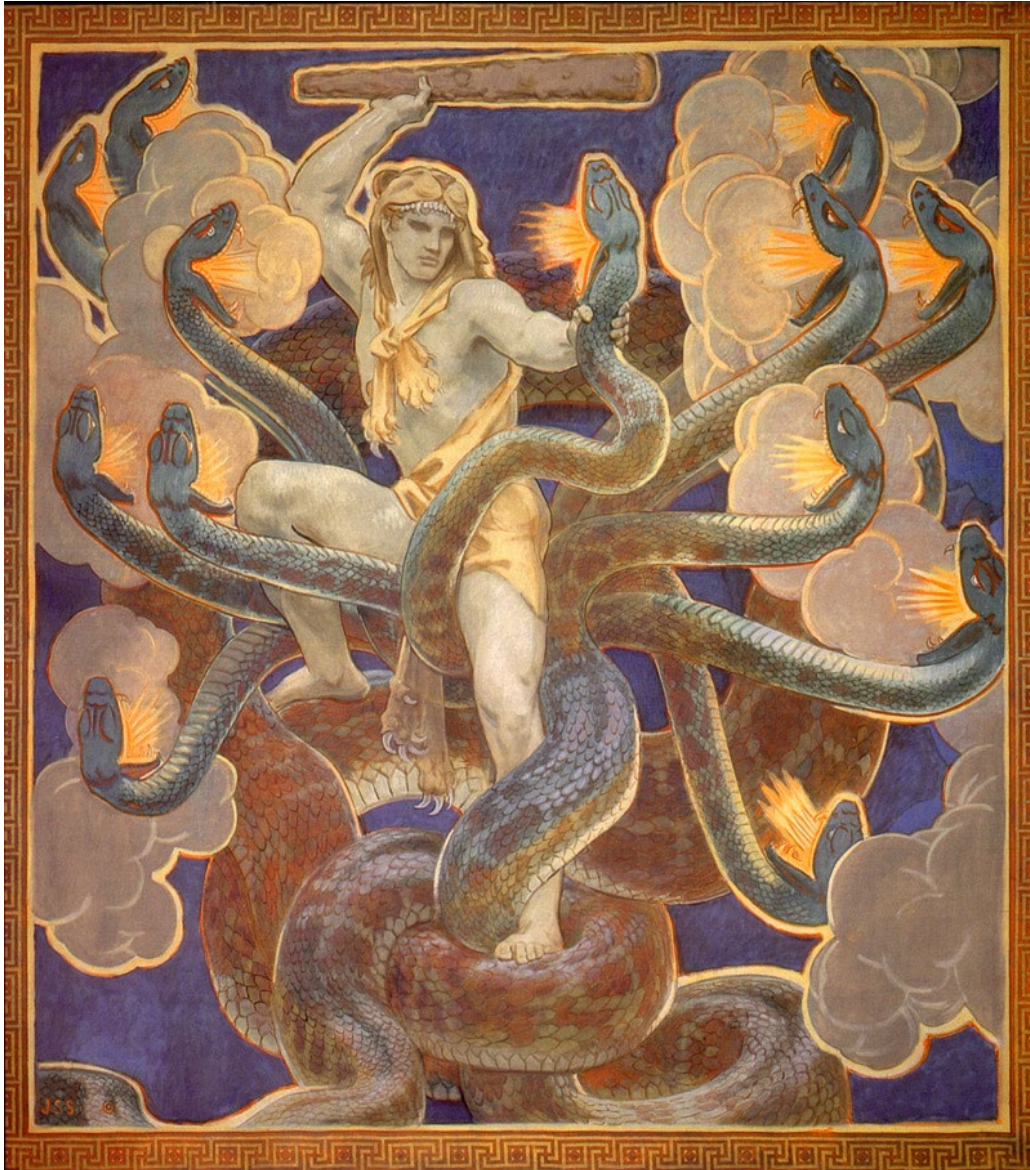
Theme

Topics:

- Atonement
- Anger
- Perseverance
- Grief

Theme:

Perseverance in times of grief can redirect one's pain into greatness.



Art Analysis

Hercules and the Hydra

By John Singer

Sargent (American, 1856–1925). Painted c. 1922–25.

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(to recover from slaughtering your wife
and children)

