

Jeopardy! champion and New York Times bestselling author

**KEN JENNINGS'**

**JUNIOR GENIUS  
GUIDES**

## HOW TO USE THE JUNIOR GENIUS REPRODUCIBLE ACTIVITY MASTERS

Download and print the activity sheets, and make copies for each of your students. Review the activity sheets and teacher directions, and plan time to implement the activities within your regular classroom schedule.

Encourage your students to join the Junior Genius sphere at [yoursphere.com/junior-genius](http://yoursphere.com/junior-genius), or by downloading the Junior Genius app at the Apple App Store, where they can post their Junior Genius stories and ideas.

### Activity One

#### JUNIOR GENIUS MYTH-TERIES

##### *Myth Mix-Ups and Junior Genius Challenge #1*

Have students complete the quiz and review the answers: a-2 (Heracles and Cerberus), b-3 (Jason and the Minotaur), c-1 (Perseus and Medusa). Then have students use books or online resources to create their own mixed-up pairs of Greek mythology figures. Plan time for students to challenge one another to identify each figure in their mix-ups. Students may also share their mix-ups with other Junior Geniuses at the Junior Genius sphere on Yoursphere.

##### *Myth Beginnings and Junior Genius Challenge #2*

Have students read and discuss the origin myths about Iris, Eos, and Persephone. Then help the class brainstorm ideas for their own origin myths about natural phenomena such as: the creation of Earth, the universe or the planets, fire, water, plants, severe weather events, particular animals, etc.

Have students use a graphic organizer to develop their story ideas. Plan time for students to edit and revise their work before scheduling a day for sharing stories with one another.

Students may also share their myths with other Junior Geniuses at the Junior Genius sphere on Yoursphere.

### Activity Two

#### JUNIOR GENIUS GEE!-OGRAPHY

##### *Where's Ken Jennings?!*

Help students complete the quiz, then have them locate each continent and country using a globe or atlas as you review the answers: 1. Continent: South America; Country: Peru, 2. Continent: Africa; Country: Egypt, 3. Continent: Europe; Country: France, 4. Continent: North America; Country: USA, 5. Continent: Asia; Country: Japan, 6. Continent: Australia; Country: Australia, 7. Continent: Antarctica; None. (The status of being called a country requires that people live in that location permanently. Antarctica does not have a permanent human population; therefore, it is not a country.)

##### *Put Yourself on the Map – Junior Genius Challenge*

Have students use a blank sheet of paper to write their Junior Genius location report. Direct them to use graphic organizers for writing support from rough draft to final edit and production. Plan a day for students to share their work and challenge one another to identify their landmarks based on clues in the report. Use the globe or atlas to help students show the location of their trip. Students may also share their myths with other Junior Geniuses at the Junior Genius sphere on Yoursphere.

