

Book Club Discussion Questions
Stone Blind by Natalie Hayes

1. Did you know anything about Medusa's story before reading this book? If so, did this book change your perspective?
2. The story is told from multiple female perspectives over many chapters. Did you like this format?
3. Medusa was raped by Poseidon, yet Athene punished her, not Poseidon, the rapist, because it is impossible to punish a God. Discuss how this makes you feel and its significance to current-day attitudes, especially the "me too" movement.
4. Medusa's curse was her power to turn people to stone if she looked at them. How does this transform her? Do you agree with how she deals with this?
5. The book sheds light on personal power but also on not having control over everything in your life. Do you agree that there are times when things happen that are out of your control.
6. In ancient times, stripping a woman of beauty was considered severe as it took away her only value. What do you think the author was trying to say about true beauty?
7. The author infuses the story with witty humor (Athene convincing a mortal soldier to fight against the gods by telling him, "If you do die, I'll put in a word for you to get a constellation. Promise" What do you think this added to the story.
8. What do you think of the ancient Greek myths and their gods. Do you think their gods acted fairly?
9. Talk about Perseus and his actions. He does evil things to help his mother. What is the author's message?

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