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RICK RIORDAN IS A CHILDREN'S AUTHOR: ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY AND GENRE SPECIFICATION

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Annotation: American writer Rick Riordan used Greek and Roman mythology skillfully in his works to illuminate adolescent psychology. One book, intended only for schoolchildren, became a pentology called "Percy Jackson and the Olympians", which later became a series of novels and attracted readers from around the world. Each work has its own sequence of events and a wealth of bright plots.

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Introduction

The study of Rick Riordan's work is conditioned by the need to clarify the essence of the formation of his creative style, to justify the legitimacy of the writer's reference to Greek mythology.

The history of the writing of Rick Riordan's pentology about the adventures of schoolboy Percy is also unique. Adib's son, Haley, is in second grade. He was diagnosed with dyslexia (a selective disorder in the ability to acquire reading and writing skills while maintaining general learning ability). Ancient Greek myths are taught to children at school. The boy asks his father to tell him about the history of Greek gods and heroes at night. During the years of his work as a teacher, Adib went through the topics of Greek myths many times, these works were known to him like the back of his hand. In addition, he himself was interested in ancient myths in his school days and loved them. But little Hayley is not satisfied with her father's stories and wants to hear about new adventures with these characters. Then the writer remembers an assignment given at school: the sixth graders were tasked with inventing a half-god-half-human who is the son or daughter of a god and adventures in the spirit of Greek myths with his participation. It was then that a twelve-year-old American boy who invented Rick Percy Jackson was transformed into the son of a Greek god. For three nights in a row, Rick tells his son the fictional tale of Percy Jackson, the hero he invented as a child, who traveled across America in search of Zeus' lightning bolt. This tale is so popular that he asks his father to write a book about it. Since Rick Riordan had never written anything for children before, it took him about a year to prepare for the piece. But writing works for children in the spirit of Greek myths attracts him so much that he intends to continue the adventures of Percy Jackson. Thus the stories of Percy Jackson reach the level of five novels. The pentology depicting the adventures of Percy Jackson became extremely popular. Rick Riordan auditioned several students at school before pitching The Adventures of Percy Jackson to the publisher. Riordan said that his main character and Hayley are the same age, have similar personalities, but outwardly they are different.

The novels included in the pentology "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" are written in the fantasy-novel genre. Fantasy is a genre that appeared in modern literature, a form of science fiction. It uses elements of myths and fairy tales, folklore motifs. According to experts' conclusions, the first examples of fantasy appeared at the beginning of the 20th century, on the ground of medieval epics and novels of chivalry. The difference between fantasy works and fantastic works is that in fantasy, events take place in real life, but magic, mythological motifs, elements, and images are synthesized into it. In fantasy, real life does not change, only elements of fairy tales and myths are involved. In fantasy, according to experts, real life is changed and depicted, and in some fantastic works, events take place in parallel worlds, in other time dimensions. "Fantasia, in the broadest sense, is a work that the author wants to violate the laws of the real world.... Fantasy appeared in the era of great scientific discoveries. People want to

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know what awaits civilization, so it is more correct to look for the source of fiction in science. Science fiction writers have used modern knowledge to advance them and provide unexpected new conclusions...

Fantasy is a genre in which there is a place for a mythical world with magic, wizards and heroes of fairy tales, myths, and legends. It begins with ancient sagas where brave knights rescue queens...

In fantasy, magic and sorcery do not change the world, magic and sorcery are part of the world. In fantasy, "unexplainable" elements change ordinary real life and appear after various disasters or failed scientific experiments.

Fantasy is a form of magical realism. It should be noted that fantasy is a genre not only of literature, but also of art such as cinema, cartoons, and painting. Some experts consider Bulgakov's "The Master and Margarita" to be an example of urban fantasy.

In addition to the five novels included in Rick Riordan's fantasy genre "Percy Jackson and the Olympians", graphic versions and additional material were also published. Pentalogy has sold 69 million copies in 35 countries. During 2011, 5 novels were included in the New York children's literature bestseller list. In 2010, the movie "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief" was made based on the first book. The film was not well received by the critics, even the audience had a negative reaction to it despite being a huge profit. But the later novels of the pentalogy, as well as the films based on them, became very popular.

The plot of Rick Riordan's works is full of interesting, exciting episodes. At first glance, it seems that the author weaves the events that come to his mind, but the plot, compositional structure, image system, knot and solution of the works are extremely well thought out. Each work has a concentric plot, in which a total of major and minor episodes revolve around a central character and a central event. As a former teacher, Rick Riordan knows child psychology very well. Therefore, the events in his novels develop quickly, philosophical observations or images of the psyche, thoughts of the hero are almost not given. Both the adventure type of the plot and the myth and mythological characters and their transfer to the modern context are aimed at children. "Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief" is the first book of the pentalogy. The book was published on June 28, 2005. The main character of the novel, twelve-year-old Percy Jackson, diagnosed with dyslexia and ADHD, considers himself a problem child all his life. Bad things always happen to him, the boy had to change educational institutions often. "The Lightning Thief" begins with Percy studying at Yancey Academy, Percy is changing schools for the fifth time, trying to adjust to his new school. At the academy, he has a friend and protector named Grover. The children are taken to an art exhibition, where Percy is attacked by his math teacher, Mrs. Dodds. The monster accuses Percy of stealing Zeus' thunderbolts and demands their return. Only the intervention of Percy's teacher, Mr. Brunner, saves Percy from a painful death in the clutches of Wrath. After the attack, Percy, accompanied by his mother and Grover, travels to Long Island, where Camp Half-Blood is located, a place of recreation and education for children born of Greek gods and mortals. Percy learns that he is also half-human and half-creature, the son of Poseidon, the god of the seas. On the way, Percy is attacked by a terrible Minotaur, and in the battle with him, the hero's mother dies. However, Percy learns that his mother can be brought back to life, held captive by the god Hades, the ruler of the underworld. Before going to save his mother, Percy has to clear all the accusations Zeus has made against him and prove that he did not steal the lightning. To look for lightning, he is given time until the summer solstice, which is ten days. If the demand is not met, war will begin between Zeus, Poseidon and Hades. Percy's friend Grover, his protector-satyr and the young daughter of Annabeth, the young daughter of the goddess Athena, together with Percy, go in search of lightning. Together, they go on incredible adventures, fight against the legendary Gorgon Medusa and several other monsters, and finally end up in the kingdom of Hades and save his mother. After Percy's adventures are over, he is torn between staying at camp for a long time or going to seventh grade. Finally, he decides to return to the normal world and come to camp next

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year. All the novels of the Pentalogy consist of the same series of interesting and supernatural events.

"I think that children want what adults want in a book: a dynamic plot, remarkable characters, humor, unexpected gifts and mystery. A good book always raises questions and keeps you turning the page again and again to find the answers..."

I've taught literature for many years, and I know that long narratives that go on page after page touch children's souls. They do not need works that do not have a clear plot. I don't think that adult students are much different from children. "Anyway, writing for children made me a better writer because I forced myself to tell stories in a little more detail." In our opinion, these words of the writer are extremely important. Because theorists, so to speak, evaluate "other people's text" from the outside and make conclusions. Rick Riordan, in general, gives conclusions as a person who has personally experienced the creative process of any talented writer, and these conclusions, in our opinion, are more valid.

Rick Riordan began his career by creating works for adults, and later wrote many novels for children and teenagers. Taking into account that the information about Rick Riordan's work is not yet popular in our literary studies, we considered it necessary to list the writer's works below: "Trez Navvar" series of novels: "Big Red Tequila" (1997), "The Man of the Fox Wife" (1998), "The Last King of Texas" (2000), "The Devil Goes to Austin" (2001), "The City of the South" (2004), "Mission Road" (2005), "Rebel Island" (2007). The novels in this series are intended for adults and are detective novels. Rick Riordan's first serious work as a writer is about private detective Trez Navvar. These works were created in the type of a series of works dedicated to the activities of private enthusiasts such as Sherlock Holmes, Poirot

"39 Keys" series: "Labyrinth of Bones" (2008), "Black Book of Buried Secrets" (2010), "Revolt of the Vespers" (2011). The works in the series "39 keys" are actually created by several authors. The cycle consists of 5 parts, 26 works, three of which are named above by Rick Riordan. Rick Riordan is the founder of this cycle. It depicts the adventures of a 14-year-old girl named Amy and her 11-year-old brother Dan. This work, like "Percy and the Olympians", is based on the motif of sudden discovery. In fact, the motif of sudden knowledge is also often found in myths and fairy tales. After their grandmother's death, Amy and Dan learn that their lineage is very ancient. They will be in countries all over the world (France, Salzburg, Venice, Japan, Korea, Egypt, Russia, Australia, etc.) to find 39 keys. In this way, the artistic space covers a very large area, just like in myths. The first book in the series, created by Rick Riordan, became a hit as soon as it was announced. In 2008, the film director Steven Allan Spielberg, the winner of three Oscars and many international awards, won the permission to film "39 Keys".

And the following make up the "In the Camp of Chalazots" series:

- "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" series of novels: "The Lightning Thief" (2005), "The Sea of Creatures" (2006), "The Titan's Curse" (2007), "The Labyrinth of Death" (2008), "The last message" (2009).
- "Heroes of Olympus" series of novels: "The Lost Hero" (2010), "Son of Neptune" (2011), "The Mark of Athena" (2012), "House of Aid" (2013), "Blood of Olympus" (2014).
- "Heirs of the Gods" series of novels: "Kyzil ehrom" (2010), "Fiery Throne" (2011), "Shadow of the Serpent" (2012).
- "The Trial of Apollo" series of stories: "The Mysterious Priest" (2016), "The Mysterious Prophecy" (2017), "The Burning Labyrinth" (2018), "The Tyrant's Coffin" (2019).
- "Demigods on Olympus" series: "My Two-Headed Management Consultant" (2014), "Lethal Weapon Library" (2014), "I Had Tea with the Forest God" (2015), "My Personal my zombie apocalypse" (2015).

"Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard" series of novels: "Sword of Summer" (2015), "Thor's Hammer" (2016), "Ship of the Dead" (2017). These works of the writer are based on German-Scandinavian mythology. Rick Riordan is also the author of Cold Springs (2004), Ocean Girl (2021).

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As you can see, Rick Riordan is an extremely prolific writer. In our modern national literature, it is almost impossible to find a writer who is so prolific and at the same time famous, whose works are true examples of art and has millions of readers. The combination of high artistry, intellect and productivity confirms that the writer is the owner of the talent given by nature.

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