Greek Hero Pathfinder  
Mr. Benson’s Mythology Class

I Introduction:

The stories of mythological heroes have been around for thousands of years. Civilizations use hero stories to demonstrate how great fictional human beings overcome the calamities they faced in life. These stories are meant to inspire people to behave like heroes when faced with great difficulties in their lives. Many of these hero stories came from Ancient Greece, and have been retold for thousands of years. Even today, our society uses these stories to write books and plays, to create television shows and produce movies. Sometimes the names change but the basic hero story is woven throughout the script. Over the next three days you will be researching Greek heroes for this assignment. As you read these hero stories see if you can spot the similarities between these stories and modern day stories told in books, plays, TV and movies.

II Online Databases:

Probably the best online database articles on Greek heroes is found in Britannica School. EBSCO’s Explora is another database that has information not only in reference works, but in multiple mediums (e.g., newspaper articles, magazine articles, scholarly journals and web sites. A third database that has information in multiple mediums is eLibrary. If you need usernames and passwords for these databases please see Mrs. Waltz or Mr. Mohn.

III Mythology Books:

The mythology books on the library cart have many stories about Greek heroes in them. Not every book will have your hero in it. The fastest ways to locate your hero in these books is to use their Table of Contents and/or their indexes. If you have problems locating information on your in hero in these books please see Mr. Mohn or Mr. Benson.

IV Web Sites:

There are millions of web sites on Greek mythology. However, many of these sites don’t have good material on Greek mythology. Below is a list of web sites that do have good material for this project.

An online version of Bullfinch’s Mythology can be found on the Bartleby’s web site.  

Myth Man is a great resource for researching Greek heroes. The site it run by an English teacher who reminds me a lot of Mr. Benson wearing a toga.

The Theoi Greek Mythology web site has one of the best collections of Greek mythology stories in it. This is definitely a site you should visit during your research on your Greek hero.
MythWeb has very detailed encyclopedia articles on Greek heroes.

These four web sites should supplement all your information needs on your Greek hero.