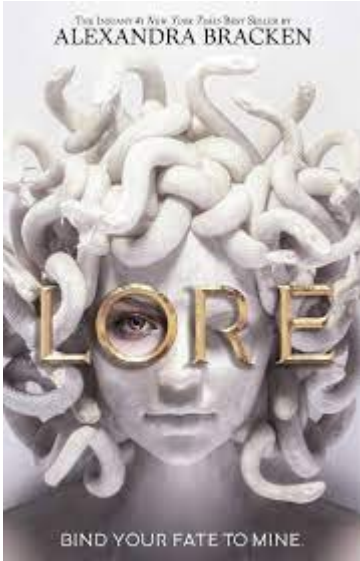


***Lore* by Alexandra Bracken**



From the #1 New York Times best-selling author of *The Darkest Minds* comes a sweepingly ambitious, high-octane tale of power, destiny, love and redemption.

Every seven years, the Agon begins. As punishment for a past rebellion, nine Greek gods are forced to walk the earth as mortals, hunted by the descendants of ancient bloodlines, all eager to kill a god and seize their divine power and immortality.

Long ago, Lore Perseus fled that brutal world in the wake of her family's sadistic murder by a rival line, turning her back on the hunt's promises of eternal glory. For years she's pushed away any thought of revenge against the man--now a god--responsible for their deaths.

Yet as the next hunt dawns over New York City, two participants seek out her help: Castor, a childhood friend of Lore believed long dead, and a gravely wounded Athena, among the last of the original gods.

The goddess offers an alliance against their mutual enemy and, at last, a way for Lore to leave the Agon behind forever. But Lore's decision to bind her fate to Athena's and rejoin the hunt will come at a deadly cost--and still may not be enough to stop the rise of a new god with the power to bring humanity to its knees.

Study Guide

Part One

Explain who or what the following people or objects are and explain their connections to Lore AND the story. Be specific!

Example: Van – a relative of Castor's and a messenger between bloodlines

1. Agon –
2. Wrath –
3. Gold feather charm –
4. Grey-eyed goddess –
5. Apodidraskinda (hide and seek) –
6. Aegis –
7. The new Apollo –
8. Van –
9. Chiron –
10. Golden –

Part Two

1. Why is Castor concerned about Lore binding her fate to Athena's?
2. How did Athena greet Castor and why?
3. Which blood line does Lore think will know if there is a new origin poem?
4. What is Lore's connections to the Odysseides?
5. Why does Van say that he has always been jealous of Lore?
6. Why does Athena want Lore to always take a weapon with her when she leaves her sanctuary or her home?
7. What tech device does Van use to "see into" the building owned by the Odysseides and to take out the hunters?
8. What is Wrath searching for?
9. What is Lore's connection to the Odysseides?
10. In the House of the Odysseides, how did Lore know there is another entrance to the vault?
11. When Wrath was a mortal man and Lore was 10 years old, why did Aristos Kadmos offer to purchase Lore from her family?
12. Why does Aristos Kadmos need a descendent of the Perseides bloodline?
13. Where do Van and Miles figure out that the Reveler might be hiding?
14. What does Castor tell Lore about killing Apollo?
15. According to rumor, how did Van lose his hand?
16. Where is the complete origin poem supposed to be located?
17. Besides searching for the origin poem, what is Wrath searching for?
18. Why does Athena tell Lore that she will survive the hunt?
19. What tips off the Reveler that Lore has found him?
20. What god was with Lore all those years no one could find her?

Parts Three & Four

1. What specific power does the aegis have?
2. What protected Lore from the Agon and from the other gods finding her?
3. Who is the last original god?
4. What does Lore do to Belen Kadmou instead of killing him in order to send a message to Wrath?
5. What the did the feather necklace that Gil gave to Lore do for her?
6. When Wrath retaliates, what message to Lore is written on the charging bull statute?
7. Why did Athena transform Medusa even though what happened to her was not her fault?
8. What did Artemis use as bait to set a trap for Lore?
9. Why can't Tidebringer wield the aegis even though she is one of the Perseides?
10. How did Wrath retaliate against Lore for cutting off Belen's thumbs?
11. Why does Artemis want to kill Castor?
12. Who betrays Lore and tries to kill Castor?
13. Who killed Lore's family?
14. Why did Lore decide to kill herself?
15. What does Lore find out about Castor after they are attacked by Iro and the other hunters?

Part Five

1. Who encourages Lore to get up and walk out of the tunnel?
2. How did Miles find Lore in time to save her?
3. Where did Lore hide the aegis?
4. Name three things Miles gives to Lore to help her in her battle with Wrath.
 - a. —
 - b. —
 - c. —
5. What is the only thing that Lore has been certain of most of her life?
6. How did Wrath plan to destroy the city?
7. What happened to Wrath?
8. What happened to Athena?
9. What two things did Lore tell Miles how to find once she ascended at the end of the Agon?
10. What happened to Lore and Castor in the end?