

Greek Myths

Achilles was the son of King Peleus of Thessaly and Thetis, a sea Goddess. Zeus, the King of the Gods, was his grandfather. When Achilles was a baby, Thetis heard a prophet predict that Achilles would die in battle when he grew up. Thetis was afraid and wanted to prevent this. So, she took Achilles to the River Styx, which had magical powers that could protect people from pain and death. Holding Achilles by the foot, Thetis dipped him into the river. His body was almost entirely covered by the magical water—except for his heel, which did not get wet. Many years later, Achilles became a soldier and went to fight in the Trojan War. He survived many battles—until the day he was shot in the heel with an arrow, and died from the wound.

Achilles (pronounced ah-KILL-eez)

Peleus (pronounced PELL-ee-uss)

Thessaly (pronounced THESS-ah-lee)

Thetis (pronounced THEE-tiss)

Zeus (pronounced ZOOSS)

Styx (pronounced STIX)

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Modern situation: a baseball team has several strong hitters, but a weak pitcher