

Model Text: Description of Medusa

Introduce the character Medusa.

Describe her wings and claws. Use similes.

Describe her hair. Use the name of a specific species of snake. Describe how the snakes move.

Describe her eyes. Use a simile.

Tell the reader that the eyes will turn you to stone.

I am the wicked and deadly Gorgon, Medusa. On my back I have two golden wings, like an Egyptian sphinx and my claws are as deadly as scimitars. My hair is a nest of writhing, squirming cobras but my secret weapons are my eyes. They are as bright as red-hot coals and as deep as the ocean. One look and I will turn you to stone!