Perseverance Inside Perseus

When a person makes a promise that requires a lot of work, it is easy to give up. The best people understand that sometimes they have to work hard to have the best life. The mythological story, “Perseus and Medusa” was written by the Greeks to teach an important moral. The moral of “Perseus and Medusa” is to never give up. At the start, the Oracle of Delphi gives Acrisius, the ruler of a kingdom, a troubling prophecy.”Acrisius’ eyes widened in horror as the ancient Pythia (priestess) hissed, “King of Argos, listen well. Your daughter’s son will spell your doom!” “My daughter is unmarried. She has no son,” he spluttered. The Pythia smiled knowingly through the swirling vapours that rose from the chasm below her, but spoke no more.” (“Perseus and Medusa”). Acrisius vows to himself that this prophecy will not be true. He locks his beautiful daughter, Danae, away in one room with a slave girl bringing her food. Danae prays to Zeus to free her, and Zeus hears her.”He looked down at the beautiful maiden, and immediately fell in love with her. So, one night, he visited her as a shower of golden light, and from this heavenly union, nine months later, a baby boy was born. He was called Perseus.” (“Myths and Legends”). Upon hearing this, Acrisius is ballistic. He puts Danae and Perseus in a boat on high tide without food. Miraculously, they find shore. Furthermore, the King of the land the boat washed up on, Polydectes, fell in love with Danae. But a grown-up Perseus, who was protective of his mother, would not allow it. ” Polydectes, angered, planned how he could get the young man out of the way. He ordered a feast and invited all the young men and women of the court. Unsuspecting, Perseus eagerly turned up, only to find that all the other guests were carrying an expensive present for the monarch. “Are you not aware of our customs?” one guest sneered. And then, in front of the whole court, Polydectes called out, “Perseus, where is your gift?” Shamefaced, Perseus blustered, “I can bring you a fine gift, anything in the world, what is your wish?” The clever king, playing on the young man’s embarrassment, replied, after a thoughtful pause. “Anything? You would deliver to me anything in the world?” he asked. Perseus nodded. “Well then, bring me the head of the Gorgon Medusa.”

(“Myths and Legends”). Perseus starts out on his quest the next day. He knows it will be tough, but he made a promise and he must fulfill it. Therefore, he deals with many challenges. “Perseus really commits to his adventure when he blackmails the Graeae into telling him how to find the Nymphai. At this point, he has entered the mythological world of strange creatures and gods . . . Perseus' main test is finding out the location of the Nymphai. To do this, he has to trick and blackmail the Graeae, which he successfully does.Next, Perseus gains two important allies. First of all, the Nymphai loan Perseus lots of useful stuff, like Hermes' winged sandals, Hades' helmet of invisibility, and the kibisis. Second, Athena offers Perseus some great advice about how to defeat Medusa (only look at the monster through the reflection on your shield). Good thing Perseus has some friends.With his borrowed magical gear, Perseus flies off to find the Gorgons' cave. The Gorgons will certainly be his enemies . . .  When Perseus reaches the Gorgons' lair, he's about to embark on the most dangerous part of his adventure . . . Perseus finds Medusa sleeping and chops off her head. The other two Gorgons chase him, but Perseus escapes with the help of Hades' helmet of invisibility (a.k.a. Helm of Darkness).” (“Perseus and Medusa Heroes Journey”). Even though Perseus has to get through all of these challenges, he realizes that he must do this to help his mother. When Perseus gets home, he has some unfinished business to take care of. “The young warrior looked down at the bag which hung from his left hand. With his right hand he reached over and slowly loosened its cords. "Then, your majesty, you should know that I have not only brought you joy, I have brought you the gift you wanted. And ...here it is! "He reached into the sack, closed his eyes tightly, and, in one swift movement, raised the hideous trophy above his head. The wicked King and all of his courtiers turned instantly to stone, frozen for evermore.”(“Myths and Legends”). After all this, Perseus remembers who he made the promise to, and Perseus finishes the promise while also finishing the person who made him do it. Visibly, the purpose of the myth “Perseus and Medusa” is to never give up and never break a promise that requires hard work, because it will only benefit you.