

# Achilles

Achilles was the mortal son of King Peleus and Thetis. It was foretold that Achilles would die at a young age. His mother desperately wanted her son to be immortal. So in order to make Achilles immortal, she took him to the River Styx. There she held him by his left heel and dipped him into the water. The magical waters made Achilles invincible.

Achilles grew up to be the best and most fearless warrior of the Trojan War. However, Achilles was not immortal as he thought. While in battle, the Trojan prince, Paris, shot an arrow into Achilles' heel. The arrow hit the exact spot that Achilles' mother had held him when she dipped him in the water. Because the enchanted waters of the River Styx did not cover this part of his foot, Achilles died.

Why was Achilles' heel vulnerable?

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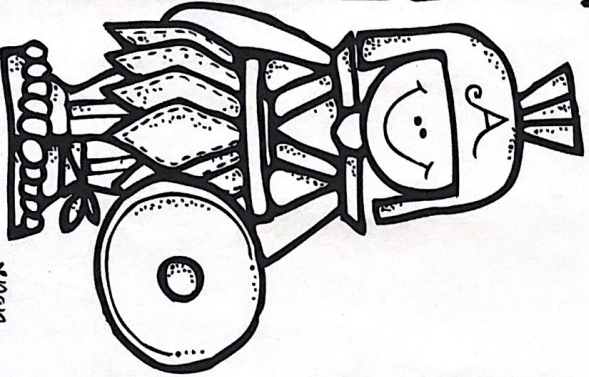
What do you think the phrase "Achilles' heel" mean?

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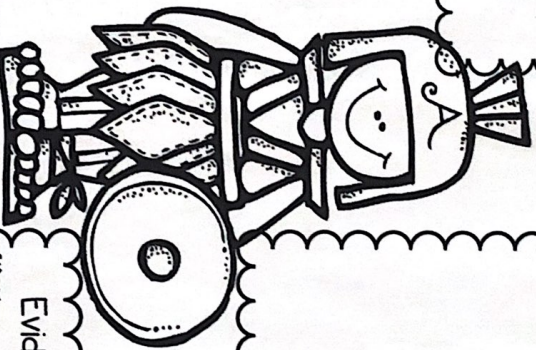
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What character traits would you use to describe Achilles? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Character Trait



Evidence from the text

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