The Sixth Labor

Hercules needed to remove a hoard of ferocious birds with bronze beaks, claws, and feathers from their home in a swamp for his sixth labor. To perform this duty, Athena (goddess of wisdom and war) provided him with castanets. When Hercules clapped the castanets together, he disturbed the birds so much that they left their hiding places. This allowed Hercules to shoot some down, providing evidence that he completed his task.

The Seventh Labor

To fulfill his seventh labor, Hercules needed to capture a bull that was wrecking havoc on the Greek island of Crete. This bull was given as a sacrifice to King Minos by Poseidon (god of the sea), but the king thought the bull was too beautiful to kill. Therefore, he sacrificed a different bull instead. This angered Poseidon, so he caused the bull to go on a rampage. However, Hercules easily wrestled the bull into submission.

The Eighth Labor

Hercules needed to capture and tame man-eating mares for his eighth labor. He brought along some companions to help complete this task; however, a couple of them were eaten by the mares in the process! Ironically, their deaths helped Hercules complete this labor. After their appetites were satisfied, the mares were more obedient, allowing Hercules to easily capture them.

The Ninth Labor

For his ninth labor, Hercules needed to obtain a belt that belonged to Hippolyte, the queen of the Amazon women. Although Hippolyte lead a tribe of ferocious women who had little use for men, she became quiet enamored with Hercules and gave him her belt.

The Tenth Labor

Hercules was ordered to steal the cattle belonging to the monster Geryon for his tenth labor. Geryon had three bodies joined together at the waist. When the monster realized Hercules was attempting to steal his cattle, he became angry and tried to rescue them. However, Hercules was able to shoot a single arrow through all three bodies of the monster and successfully escaped with the cattle.

The Eleventh Labor

For his eleventh labor, Hercules had to find golden apples located in the garden of Hesperides. This labor may sound simple, but Hercules had no idea where to find the apples! After travelling many places in an effort to find them, Atlas, the Titan who supported the Earth and sky, happily got the apples for Hercules.

The Twelfth Labor

To complete his final labor, Hercules was asked to take Cerberus from the underworld. However, once you enter the underworld, you cannot leave it. To complete this task, Hercules received assistance from the gods so that he was able to return from the underworld. Even though Cerberus was fierce, it was not match for Hercules. He grabbed the necks of its three heads to capture it.