



# Immortality

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Read the superhero information, then answer the questions below

## Superman

(Modern Superhero Story)

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His weakness is that a rock called Kryptonite from his birth planet can leave him weak and helpless.



Is Superman immortal? Explain your answer using evidence from the text:

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Would a human being be able to become immortal in the same way?  
(Give at least one reason for yes and one reason for no in the table below.)

| Yes | No |
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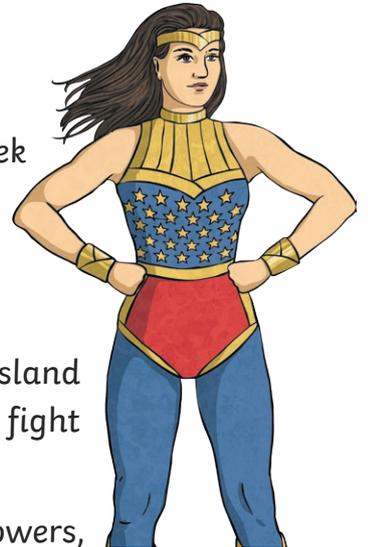
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She took on the identity of Wonder Woman and although she had other powers, she had to renounce her immortality.



## Achilles

(Ancient Greek Myth)

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It was during this battle that his ankle was pierced with an arrow which led to his death.





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Were Wonder Woman and Achilles immortal?

Complete the table giving reasons for your answers:

|              | Yes | No |
|--------------|-----|----|
| Wonder Woman |     |    |
| Achilles     |     |    |

Could a human being achieve the kind of immortality they had in the same way?

Why/Why not?

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