

Arachne boasted that she was a better weaver than Athena. Athena challenged her to a contest, and threatened to change her into a spider as punishment for her hubris if she lost. Mnemosyne watched the contest unfold, reserving her own opinion about who deserved the title of “most formidable weaver.”

Part 1: First, cut out the weaving strips on this page. Then, to form the loom on the next page, fold and unfold along the indicated line, and cut along the dashed lines. You will weave in the blank space above the fold line, then slide the strips down into place.

In order to determine how the strips will be woven into the loom, first match each nine-letter word on the following page with the description that best applies to it. Then weave the strips into the loom in the following way: look at the nine-letter word that corresponds to each numbered strip. In each of the positions of the word where there’s a *vowel*, that strip should go *in front of* the vertical strip. In each of the positions of the word where there’s a *consonant*, that strip should go *behind* the vertical strip.

Part 2: When all the strips are in place, transfer the letters from the top of the loom to the bottom of the loom, keeping them in the same columns, but putting them in the proper rows to spell out an eight-word message.

⑨	I				S	G			⑨
⑧		D	B	I		R		I	⑧
⑦	P			M	A	G	O		H
⑥		U	L	O	O	W		T	⑥
⑤					U				⑤
④	N			R			D	H	④
③			F			N	L		③
②				E				B	②
①			C	L		Y			①

Arachne (page 2)

The same consonant pair appears twice in this word.

This word sounds like a ghost's dessert.

There is a five-letter body part in the middle of this word.

This word's vowel/consonant pattern matches "disguised."

This word contains a 10 point scrabble letter.

Reinterpreted, this is the color of parts of a house.

There is a Shakespeare character in this word.



















Only one vowel is needed for this word.


This word contains a world capital.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

- CONCEALED
- ANDROMEDA
- BEEKEEPER
- INVIOULATE
- IMPROMPTU
- TEA LEAVES
- ORCHESTRA
- BOOMERANG
- EXQUISITE

Vowels weave over, consonants weave under.

	fold								fold		
	9		A		D	O				9	
	8	I		L	V		L			8	
	7		N	E		T		S		7	
	6	T	H		S		U		N	6	
	5	U					R			5	
	4				K	W		E		4	
	3	O			P				S	3	
	2		P			M				2	
	1	S			J				I	1	



Who is the most kick-ass weaver? _____