

## Study Questions for Edith Hamilton's *Mythology*

Read the listed sections of the book, and answer the questions in complete sentences.

### **The Gods**

1. Who were the Titans? Name the 9 of them.
2. What was Zeus' weapon?
3. Of what was Hera protector?
4. What symbol did Neptune/Poseidon carry?
5. What did Pluto's helmet do?
6. How was Athena "born"?
7. What was the name of Athena's temple, and what does it mean?
8. Who was the god of truth?
9. Where was the god of truth's oracle?
10. What were the 3 forms of Artemis?
11. Of what was Venus the goddess?
12. Where did Venus/Aphrodite come from?
13. Who was the only ugly god?
14. What were the Vestals?
15. What were the distinctive signs of Mercury/Hermes?
16. Who was the god of war?
17. What was the bird of the god of war?
18. Who was represented as blindfolded?
19. Who was the goddess of the rainbow?
20. Who was the god of wine?
21. Who had goat hoofs and horns?
22. Identify the following:
  - a. Tartarus
  - b. Erebus
  - c. Charon
  - d. Elysian Fields
  - e. Styx
  - f. Satyrs
  - g. Centaurs
  - h. Gorgons
  - i. Sirens
  - j. Demeter
  - k. Furies

### **The Earliest Heroes**

1. What was Prometheus chained to a rock?
2. Who was punishing him?
3. What was Io turned into?
4. Who had one hundred eyes?
5. Who told Argus a story to put him to sleep?

6. What two bodies of water are named for Io?
7. Who was Io's famous descendant?
8. What made Zeus fall in love with Europa?
9. What did Zeus change himself into?
10. Where did Zeus take Europa?
11. Name Europa's two sons by Zeus.
12. How many men did Odysseus have with him?
13. Why couldn't the men get out of Polyphemus' cave?
14. How did the men get Polyphemus to go to sleep?
15. What did the men do with the hot spike?
16. How did the men get out of the cave?
17. With whom did Polyphemus later fall in love?
18. What happened to Acis?
19. Who was Demeter's daughter?
20. What happened when she tried to pick the Narcissus?
21. What punishment did Hera give to Echo?
22. Who killed Hyacinth?
23. With what did he kill him?
24. When did Aphrodite first see Adonis?
25. What other goddess was in love with Adonis?
26. What killed Adonis?

### **Eight Brief Tales of Lovers**

1. Why couldn't Pyramus and Thisbe marry?
2. How did they talk with one another?
3. Why did Pyramus think Thisbe was dead?
4. Whose blood turned the mulberries red?
5. What did Orpheus protect the Argonauts from?
6. How did Eurydice die?
7. Why did Eurydice have to return to Hades?
8. Where was Orpheus buried?
9. Whose son was Ceyx?
10. Who was Alcyone's father?
11. Who did Iris go to see?
12. Who was Morpheus?
13. What were Ceyx and Alcyone turned into?
14. Who was Pygmalion?
15. What was Galatea?
16. Which goddess made the statue come alive?
17. Which two gods visited Baucis and Philemon?
18. What did they give the gods to eat?
19. What did they turn into at the time of their deaths?
20. Which goddess fell in love with Endymion?

21. Which god was in love with Daphne?
22. What tree did her father turn her into?
23. What did Artemis change Arethusa into?
24. Where will a wooden cup thrown into the Alpheus reappear?

### **The Trojan War**

1. What did Aphrodite promise to give Paris if he chose her the most beautiful of the goddesses?
2. Who became the king of Sparta?
3. Whom did Paris kidnap and take to Troy?
4. How did Odysseus try and avoid going to Troy?
5. What did Agamemnon do to make the wind stop blowing?
6. What caused the plague on the Greek army?
7. Which goddess insisted that the city of Troy be defeated?
8. Did Zeus support the Greeks or the Trojans?
9. What did Achilles do to Hector's body?
10. How had Achilles' mother made him invulnerable to injury?
11. How did Paris kill Achilles?
12. Who killed Paris and with what weapon?
13. Why did the Trojans think the horse had appeared?
14. Who is Astyanax, and what happened to him?