

Gilgamesh Quiz 1

- _____ 1. Which is NOT mentioned as a feat or action of Gilgamesh in the opening of the Epic in Tablet 1? (a) he carved a stone stele with all his toils (b) he defeated the Bull of Heaven (c) he told hidden things about the time before the flood (d) he built the walls of Uruk
- _____ 2. Which is NOT true of Enkidu: (a) he was made from clay by Aruru (b) he was covered in hair like an animal (c) he was known as the Wild Bull of the forest (d) he ate grass with the gazelles
- _____ 3. Which is NOT true of Gilgamesh: (a) he was king of Uruk (b) he was destined to be immortal (c) he was an oppressive king whose subjects prayed for release (d) he was known for his quest for secret, hidden information
- _____ 4. Which does NOT characterize the encounter of the trapper and Enkidu? (a) the trapper is terrified when he sees Enkidu (b) the trapper complains to his father that Enkidu has torn out his traps (c) the trapper witnesses Enkidu at the watering hole with the wild animals (d) the trapper's own attempt to trap Enkidu fails
- _____ 5. Which is NOT true of Shamhat (a) she was Gilgamesh's sister (b) she was sent to Enkidu by Gilgamesh (c) she was a prostitute (d) she was the one who opened Enkidu's eyes to human life
- _____ 6. Ninsun is (a) the mother of Gilgamesh (b) the mother of Enkidu (c) the wife of Anu, king of the gods (d) the priestess of Ishtar
- _____ 7. When Enkidu is about to come to Uruk, he: (a) is afraid of human civilization (b) intends to challenge Gilgamesh (c) intends to marry Ninsun (d) wants to become a hunter
- _____ 8. Which is NOT true of the meeting of Gilgamesh and Enkidu: (a) the fight begins when Enkidu prevents Gilgamesh from entering the marriage chamber (b) they become friends afterward (c) Enkidu is commanded to stop his attack by the gods (d) Enkidu finally acknowledges Gilgamesh's power as king
- _____ 9. Which is NOT true of Humbaba: (a) he has been attacking the countryside around Uruk (b) he is the guardian of the Cedar Forest (c) he is a terrible monster associated with fire and flood (d) he was put on earth by Enlil to terrify human beings

- _____ 10. Shamash is (a) the divine protector of Gilgamesh (b) the lover of Ninsun (c) the king of the gods (d) Humbaba's closest friend
- _____ 11. What is Gilgamesh's main reason for wanting to undertake the mission against Humbaba? (a) to free the people of Uruk (b) to prove his worthiness to Ishtar (c) to repay the gods for sending him Enkidu (d) to win undying fame
- _____ 12. Which is NOT true of Gilgamesh's visit to his mother after deciding to seek out and defeat Humbaba? (a) he tells her about the difficulties of the mission (b) he wants her to intercede with Shamash on his behalf (c) he wants to ask her advice (d) he offers to establish a monument for her if his mission is successful
- _____ 13. Which is true of Ninsun's reaction to Gilgamesh's mission against Humbaba: (a) she is happy that he is finally leading his people with wisdom (b) she is relieved that he is leaving the city (c) she wants him to stay but helps him prepare (d) she regrets having adopted Enkidu because of Enkidu's bad influence over her son
- _____ 14. Which is NOT true of Gilgamesh's dreams on the way to the Cedar Forest: (a) they are negative and scary (b) they are sent by Ninsun (c) Enkidu interprets them as favorable omens (d) Gilgamesh requests them ritually before his sleeps
- _____ 15. Which is NOT true of Enkidu immediately before the battle with Humbaba? (a) he is suffering from (temporary) paralysis (b) he advises cutting down a cedar tree (c) he has lost heart and needs Gilgamesh's encouragement (d) he has set a trap for Humbaba that will contribute to his defeat