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Mythology
Reading Quiz: Classical Mythology Chapter 2

- _____ 1. The civilization of Bronze Age Crete is referred to as (a) Cycladic (b) Helladic (c) Minoan (d) Mycenaean
- _____ 2. Which is NOT characteristic of the Neolithic period in Greece: (a) female figurines are common in various different contexts (b) agriculture is established (c) metalwork becomes common (d) sea travel is documented
- _____ 3. Which of the following is NOT an element of Minoan civilization: (a) widespread occurrence of a bull motif (b) expansive palaces with multiple functions (c) the appearance of Egyptian religious practices (d) cultural hegemony over part of the Aegean through naval power
- _____ 4. Linear B is: (a) The Mycenaean writing system (b) The Minoan writing system (c) the writing system associated with Troy and the Cyclades (d) the Akkadian writing system adapted by the Greeks
- _____ 5. In the early Bronze Age, the Cycladic culture shared many characteristics in common with the culture of (a) Athens (b) Crete (c) Mycenae (d) Troy
- _____ 6. Which was NOT true of Schliemann's excavation of Troy: (a) it showed that there was a definite connection between ancient epic and the bronze age (b) it revealed seven levels of destruction in Troy (c) Linear A tablets revealed the subjugation of Troy by the Minoans (d) the excavation turned up golden treasures showing Troy's wealth
- _____ 7. Which is NOT true of Troy VI: (a) the citadel had walls that could be 4 or 5 meters thick (b) it was destroyed about 1100 BCE (c) the stone walls were topped by mud brick masonry (d) a lower defensive wall suggests a population of 5-10,000 inhabitants
- _____ 8. Which is NOT an indication that a city was destroyed in warfare instead of by a natural disaster such as a fire or an earthquake (a) unburied or hastily buried bodies (b) weapons and missiles in different parts of the excavated area (c) natural and wartime disasters have different patterns of destruction of buildings and artifacts (d) re-inhabitation of the area, but at a lower level of material prosperity
- _____ 9. Which is NOT the site of a Mycenaean palace (a) Miletus (b) Mycenae (c) Pylos (d) Thebes
- _____ 10. Which is NOT true of the Greek alphabet? (a) it is made of syllables that have both a consonant and vowel sound (b) it is based on Phoenician alphabet (c) it is the first alphabet to use separate vowels (d) it was invented in the 8th century BCE
- _____ 11. The earliest Greek literature describes (a) The conquest of the Minoans by the Mycenaeans (b) the adventures of Greek (Mycenaean) sea-travelers (c) The conquest of Troy by the Greeks (d) the "literature" is mainly accounts of diplomatic missions