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Mythology
Reading Quiz M&L 24

- _____ 1. Which is NOT an element of the story of how the Golden Fleece came to be in Colchis? (a) Cadmus's daughter caused a famine (b) King Athamas planned to sacrifice his son Phrixus (c) Helle, Phrixus' sister, married Aeëtes and brought the fleece as her dowry (d) Phrixus and his sister were carried across the sea on a ram with a golden fleece, given to them by Hermes
- _____ 2. Which is NOT true of Pelias? (a) he was warned to beware of a man with one sandal (b) he was the son of Zeus and a cloud-nymph, Nephele (c) he deposed his stepfather to become king of Iolcus (d) his daughters were tricked into killing him
- _____ 3. Jason gained Hera's favor because: (a) his mother had refused the advances of Zeus (b) he carried her across a stream when she was disguised as an old woman (c) his sister was her priestess in Argos (d) he was her descendent through Ares
- _____ 4. Pelias told Jason to bring back the golden fleece because: (a) he hoped Jason would be killed in the attempt (b) he wanted Jason to prove his worth as a future king (c) Colchis was traditionally the native home of the queens of Iolcus (d) he had had an oracle from Delphi that the fleece would bring him eternal life
- _____ 5. Which of the following was NOT one of the Argonauts (for a while at least)? (a) Castor (b) Ajax (c) Orpheus (d) Theseus
- _____ 6. Which of the following is NOT true of Heracles' time with the Argonauts? (a) he was left behind due to his determination to find his young companion Hylas (b) he was Jason's second in command until there was a falling out between them (c) he defeated a group of Giants that threatened the Argonauts (d) with the other Argonauts, he mistakenly killed a friendly king
- _____ 7. The Harpies are: (a) half-bird, half-woman creatures who snatch up and befoul Phineas' food (b) sea-dwelling half-human monsters who lure sailors to their deaths (c) women who had killed their husbands (d) flying half-female monsters who ripped up the sails of the Argo
- _____ 8. What advice did Phineus give Jason? (a) to sail quickly past Scylla and Charybdis (b) to release a dove and see if it passed through the Symplegades (c) to visit the Graeae and receive divine gifts (d) to offer a sacrifice to Poseidon

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- _____ 9. Which is NOT true of the Symplegades? (a) the prophet Phineus had told Jason how to get past them safely (b) their name means "Clashing Rocks" (c) after the Argonauts navigated them successfully, they were fixed forever after (d) Jason lost six men in getting past them, but the majority came through safely
- _____ 10. Which is NOT true of Medea in Colchis? (a) she was the niece of Circe (b) she was a priestess of Hecate (c) she was used by her father to distract Jason from his task (d) she was skilled in magic
- _____ 11. Medea took vengeance on King Pelias by: (a) cutting up his son and feeding him to the king (b) giving him a poisoned cloak which consumed him in flames (c) tricking his daughters into cutting him up and boiling him (d) causing him to be killed by the sword with which he had planned to kill Jason
- _____ 12. The author who portrays Medea as an impressionable young woman, overwhelmed with love for Jason: (a) Apollonius of Rhodes (b) Bacchylides (c) Euripides (d) Ovid
- _____ 13. In Euripides' version of Medea's story, Medea is (a) Jason's (common-law?) wife and in Corinth because they are in exile (b) as daughter of Aeëtes, called by the Corinthians to be their queen without Creon's knowledge (c) a guest of Creon, with whom she has family ties (d) a priestess of Hera, in whose sanctuary her children die
- _____ 14. Which of the following is NOT an ancient version of how Medea's children die? (a) they are killed by Medea to get revenge on Jason (b) they are killed by the Corinthians to avenge Medea's murder of Creon and Creusa (c) they are killed by Jason to prevent them from becoming slaves (d) they die peacefully in Hera's sanctuary
- _____ 15. Who does Medea NOT kill (or otherwise cause the death of)? (a) her brother, Apsyrtos (b) the king of Iolcus, Pelias (c) The king of Corinth, Creon (d) the king of Athens, Aegeus
- _____ 16. Euripides' *Medea* was written between the years: (a) 750-700 BCE (b) 500-475 BCE (c) 450-425 BCE (d) 300-275 BCE
- _____ 17. The author of the play *Medea* is: (a) Euripides (b) Euripedes (c) You rippa deez (d) Bob