

Mythology
Chapter Quiz 13

- _____ 1. The mother of Dionysus died before giving birth to him because (a) her father committed outrage against Zeus (b) Hera tricked her into asking Zeus to show himself in immortal form (c) Zeus punished her for sleeping with a mortal in the meantime (d) the townspeople exiled her for blasphemy because she claimed to have slept with Zeus
- _____ 2. Dionysus came to Thebes to institute his worship there because (a) it was the site where Zeus birthed him from his thigh (b) Thebes had rejected Semele as she wandered through Greece (c) Thebes was his mother's home and he wanted to make them recognize his divinity and her virtue (d) the women there were wanton and blasphemous
- _____ 3. Which is NOT true of Pentheus' response when Dionysus appears in Thebes demanding worship (a) he allows the worship, but only for foreign woman and prostitutes (b) he is enraged because he thinks Semele's story of Zeus's love was false (c) he plans imprisonment and destruction for the religion's ringleader (d) he regards the actions of the Theban women as a travesty rather than appropriate worship
- _____ 4. The term "maenad" means: (a) madwoman (b) worshipper (c) worshipper in dance (d) entranced with prophetic wisdom
- _____ 5. Character who says, "I have made an agreement with him, even though he is old and I am even older, to make myself a thyrsus, wear a fawn skin, and crown my hair with shoots of ivy." (a) Cadmus (b) Dionysus (in disguise) (c) Pentheus (d) Tiresias
- _____ 6. Character who dresses in women's clothing to spy on the bacchantes (a) Agave (b) Cadmus (c) Pentheus (d) Tiresias
- _____ 7. The question "What is wisdom?" is asked by (a) Cadmus (b) the chorus of Maenads (c) Pentheus (d) Tiresias
- _____ 8. Character who says, "by introducing this new divinity among people do you hope that he will afford an additional source of income for your omens and sacrifices? If not for your gray hairs you would be bound and imprisoned ..." (a) Cadmus (b) Dionysus (c) Pentheus (d) Tiresias

- _____ 9. Dionysus gets his revenge by (a) deposing Pentheus and re-establishing Cadmus on the throne (b) forcing Pentheus to set up a sanctuary where Semele will be honored as a goddess (c) having the Maenads tear Pentheus into pieces (d) killing the last living daughter of Cadmus
- _____ 10. In "real life," a group that gathers to worship Dionysus is called a(n): (a) Cythera (b) Ino (c) Maenad (d) Thiasos
- _____ 11. Which is NOT said of Dionysus in the Homeric Hymns to Dionysus 1 & 26? (a) he was sewn into the thigh of Zeus until he came to term (b) he wanders wreathed with ivy and laurel (c) he drives women insane with desire (d) he was cared for by the nymphs of Nysa
- _____ 12. What does the term Omophagy mean? (a) it means the eating of the raw flesh of the sacrificial animal (b) it refers to the sacred band that attend the god (c) it signifies the rending of the sacrificial animal (d) it is the magic wand that Dionysus and his followers carry
- _____ 13. The half-goat forest creatures who attend Dionysus are called (a) bacchantes (b) galli (c) maenads (d) satyrs
- _____ 14. Who was given the gift of wine for welcoming the god? (a) Icarius (b) Lycurgus (c) Midas (d) Tiresias
- _____ 15. Which nymph was changed into reeds, which were used by Pan to fashion a pipe? (a) Daphne (b) Echo (c) Pitys (d) Syrinx
- _____ 16. What is NOT true of Echo? (a) she delayed Juno in conversation and her punishment was that she could only repeat words spoken to her (b) she spurned the advances of Pan and was transformed into a pine tree (c) she fell in love with Narcissus, who rejected her (d) she wasted away and her bones were turned to stone
- _____ 17. The wand carried by Dionysus and his followers is the (a) caduceus (b) kykeon (c) petasus (d) thyrsus
- _____ 18. Ariadne is (a) the wife of Dionysus (b) the nymph who cared for him in his infancy (c) the leader of the bacchantes in Euripides' *Bacchae* (d) an aunt of his who did not believe in his divinity

- _____ 19. The pirates who abducted Dionysus were (a) torn apart (b) drowned at sea (c) sacrificed to the god (d) turned into dolphins
- _____ 20. After Narcissus pined away, his body became (a) much larger (b) immortal (c) water (d) a flower
- _____ 21. The etiological element of the story of King Midas explains why: (a) humans need to consider their requests carefully (b) the river Pactolos has golden sands (c) guilt can be cleansed away (d) Lydia is full of jewelry and other works in gold
- _____ 21. The *Bacchae* was written about (a) 700 BCE (b) 500 BCE (c) 400 BCE (d) 10 CE
- _____ 23. The story of Dionysus and the Pirates is told in (a) the *Homeric Hymn to Dionysus (7)* (b) the *Orphic Hymns* (c) Euripides' *Bacchae* (d) Ovid's *Metamorphoses*
- _____ 24. Which is NOT an common element of the iconography of a Maenad? (a) a thyrsus (b) a fawn skin (c) nudity (d) holding/touching wild animals
- _____ 25. The kind old satyr who raised Dionysus is (a) Cadmus (b) Icarius (c) Midas (d) Silenus