

Mythology
Reading Quiz M&L 23: Theseus

- _____ 1. Autochthonous means: (a) from an ancient origin (b) sprung from the earth (c) descended from the gods (d) divinely favored
- _____ 2. Which of the following is NOT in the Erechtheum temple in Athens? (a) the looms for weaving the garment given to Athena at the Panathenaia (b) the tomb of Erechtheus (c) an ancient wooden statue of Athena (d) the marks of where Poseidon's trident struck the earth
- _____ 3. Tereus earns the hatred of his wife by (a) killing and eating his children (b) raping her sister and cutting out the sister's tongue (c) secretly overseeing the destruction of her father's kingdom (d) having an affair with her mother
- _____ 4. So after Tereus sets his napkin down, how many baby-dinners does that make so far this semester? (a) 1 (b) 3 (c) 5 (d) 9
- _____ 5. Aegeus's "don't open the wineskin" prophecy meant that (a) if he got drunk before reaching Athens, he would never become king (b) if he had relations with a woman before he got home, he would impregnate her (c) he was to begin a cult to Dionysus when he returned home (d) he would win the favor of Athena by exercising self-restraint until he got home
- _____ 6. Which of the following labors of Theseus does not have an immediate parallel in the deeds of Heracles? (a) the expedition against the Amazons (b) the battle with the centaurs (c) the murder of Procrustes (d) the sow of Crommyon
- _____ 7. Which of the following was NOT a wrong-doer killed by Theseus in his journey to Athens? (a) Cercyon (b) Minos (c) Procrustes (d) Sinon
- _____ 8. Which brigand kicked travelers over a cliff and into the waiting jaws of a gigantic turtle? (a) Cercyon (b) Corynetes (c) Procrustes (d) Sciron
- _____ 9. What god is (in addition to Aegeus) called the father of Theseus? (a) Apollo (b) Hades (c) Poseidon (d) Zeus
- _____ 10. Why was Poseidon angry with Minos? (a) because he married Pasiphae (b) because he did not sacrifice the bull sent to him (c) because he challenged Theseus (d) because he rejected Ariadne

- _____ 11. Which of the following did NOT happen when Theseus first came to Athens? (a) his father's wife Medea tried to poison him (b) his father Aegeus recognized and acknowledged him (c) Theseus defeated the sons of his uncle Pallas, who wanted the kingship for themselves (d) Aegeus, suspicious, sent him on a mission to determine whether he was really Aegeus' own son
- _____ 12. Which of the following did Daedalus NOT invent? (a) a wooden cow in which Pasiphae could have relations with a bull (b) wings made of wax and feathers that enabled him to fly (c) a machine that chose victims for the Minotaur by lot (d) a huge maze in which to keep the Minotaur
- _____ 13. Which is NOT true of Theseus' friend Perithoos? (a) there was a huge battle with centaurs at his wedding feast (b) he was the son of Ixion (c) he was Theseus' faithful aid against the Minotaur in Crete (d) he ended up stuck in the underworld because he tried to kidnap Persephone
- _____ 14. The most common story about the ultimate fate of Ariadne is (a) she becomes the queen of Crete in her own right (b) she becomes the wife of Dionysus (c) she is murdered by Medea (d) she returns home to Crete and becomes a priestess of Poseidon
- _____ 15. The three sites most closely associated with Theseus are (a) Athens, Crete, and Mycenae (b) Athens, Crete, and Thessaly (c) Athens, Mycenae, and Pylos (d) Athens, Crete and Troizen
- _____ 16. The Aegean Sea is named for King Aegeus because Aegeus (a) "buried" his son there (b) was king of the land adjoining the sea (c) discovered the sea in his travels (d) killed himself there
- _____ 17. Theseus died (a) in great honor at a festival to Athena (b) in exile (c) in battle with the Amazons (d) after eating raw oysters
- _____ 18. Who was advised to "take a middle course ... fly between sea and sun!" (a) Aegeus (b) Codrus (c) Icarus (d) Perithoos