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Mythology Reading Quiz
Chapter 19: The Trojan War

- _____ 1. Which is NOT true of the Dioscuri: (a) they were especially honored at Sparta (b) one was born mortal and one was immortal (c) they were the patron deities of sailors (d) they were among the first warriors to arrive at Troy
- _____ 2. When Paris was born, Priam and Hecuba (a) left him on Mt. Ida to die (b) proclaimed that he would be the next king of Troy (c) sold him to Phoenician slave dealers (d) gave him to his sister to raise
- _____ 3. The "Judgment of Paris" refers to (a) the unfair judgment that he must be exposed (b) the people of Troy's refusal of him as their king (c) his decision about which of the goddesses should get the golden apple (d) his decision to kidnap Helen from his host
- _____ 4. Paris declared Aphrodite as the most beautiful goddess because (a) she was way more beautiful than Hera and Athena (b) he was her nephew (through Priam) and he respected their relationship (c) she offered him an unforgettable night of love with her (d) she offered him the most beautiful woman in the world
- _____ 5. When Paris kidnapped Helen, she was (a) well established in Sparta and already the mother of a child (b) newly married to Menelaus but still a virgin (c) in the early years of marriage, desperately resisting being parted from Menelaus (d) on her way to be married and become queen
- _____ 6. Which of the following does NOT describe Hector: (a) Troy's greatest warrior (b) the man who finally defeated Achilles (c) the older brother of Paris (d) the husband of Andromache
- _____ 7. Which of the following is NOT true of Achilles: (a) he came to Troy knowing that he would die in the war (b) he is the youngest of the pre-eminent Greek warriors at Troy (c) he arrived in Troy with his aged father, who died soon after (d) Hephaestus made him armor when he lost his own
- _____ 8. The walls of Troy were built by (a) Pelops and Laomedon (b) Apollo and Poseidon (c) Castor and Pollux (d) Zeus and Athena
- _____ 9. The Greek warriors had to go to Troy because (a) they had sworn to uphold the marital rights of Helen's husband (b) they knew that Paris was dangerous to them all (c) they had been told to do so by the oracle of Apollo (d) if they did not, Artemis would continue to ask for human sacrifices
- _____ 10. Which of these Trojans or allies did NOT die at Troy (a) Aeneas (b) Hector (c) Memnon (d) Penthesileia

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- _____ 11. Which was NOT a factor in Patroclus' death? (a) he wanted to help the Greek warriors who were being defeated by the Trojans (b) he was determined to save Achilles by killing Hector (c) he lost sight of his own limitations and took the battle to the walls of Troy (d) the gods had decided that Hector would defeat him as it was his fate to die there
- _____ 12. Which is NOT a factor in the quarrel between Agamemnon and Achilles? (a) Agamemnon was forced to give back his own slave girl (b) Achilles challenged Agamemnon's determination to take someone else's prize and Agamemnon retaliated by taking his (c) Achilles objected to Agamemnon's imperialist determination to conquer Troy (d) Achilles was advised by Athena not to take direct action against Agamemnon
- _____ 13. Which deity did NOT favor the Greeks in the Trojan war? (a) Apollo (b) Athena (c) Hera (d) Poseidon
- _____ 14. Who sacrificed his daughter so that the Greeks could sail from Aulis? (a) Agamemnon (b) Diomedes (c) Menelaus (d) Odysseus
- _____ 15. Which hero tried to escape going to Troy by pretending to be insane? (a) Ajax (the Lesser) (b) Diomedes (c) Menelaus (d) Odysseus
- _____ 16. Which hero was initially prevented from going to Troy by being disguised as a girl and hidden away on Scyros? (a) Achilles (b) Ajax (c) Nestor (d) Odysseus
- _____ 17. Glaukos and Sarpedon decide not to fight one another because (a) their grandfathers were guest-friends (b) both were sons of Zeus (c) they had each been warned at Delphi that the other man would kill him if they met in single combat (d) they had served together on the Argo in the quest for the Golden Fleece
- _____ 18. Zeus decided to marry Thetis to a human because (a) Hera was jealous of their relationship (b) she had refused him and asked for a mortal husband because she didn't want to grow old while he stayed young (c) he was angry at her for betraying his secrets to Hera (d) it was prophesied that she would have a son who was greater than his father
- _____ 19. Character who, in *Lucian's Dialogues of the Gods*, says, "War and battles serve absolutely no purpose for me. As you see, there is peace through ... the whole kingdom of my father."
(a) Achilles (b) Hecuba (c) Hermes (d) Paris
- _____ 20. Warrior who committed suicide after not being awarded Achilles' divine armor: (a) Ajax (b) Diomedes (c) Menelaus (d) Odysseus
- _____ 21. Which is NOT true of Cassandra: (a) because she had rejected Apollo, she was able to give accurate prophecies, but no one would believe them (b) she advised the Trojans to reject the huge horse left for them by the Greeks (c) her prophetic abilities led to her escape with Aeneas and the Trojan refugees (d) she was raped by Ajax at the fall of Troy

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- _____ 22. The Trojan horse was the idea of: (a) Achilles (b) Athena (c) Nestor (d) Odysseus
- _____ 23. Homer's poem about the Trojan war is the: (a) Illiad (b) Iliad (c) Ooliad (d) Booliad
- _____ 24. Character who says, "I hate the man who hides on thing in his heart and says something else as much as I hate Hades and his realm ...The one who dies nothing and the one who does much find a similar end in death" (a) Achilles (b) Hector (c) Nestor (d) Priam
- _____ 25. Steisichorus says of Helen that (a) she was the one who seduced Paris, while he was innocently visiting her husband (b) she never went to Troy, but an "image" went in her place (c) she was never allowed to return to Sparta as its queen (d) she was taken up to Olympus by her father Zeus at her death
- _____ 26. The majority of the Trojans who managed to escape the destruction of the city (a) went with Aeneas to become the citizens of the new city of Rome (b) were sunk by a storm sent by Athena before they had left the harbor (c) scattered in the wilds of Mount Ida, where they became followers of Dionysus (d) trick question, there were no survivors
- _____ 27. The *Iliad* was composed in about (a) 750-700 BCE (b) 550-500 BCE (c) 450-400 BCE (d) 30 BCE-30 CE
- _____ 28. The *Aeneid* was written by (a) Aeschylus (b) Homer (c) Steisichorus (d) Vergil