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**Mythology Chapter Quiz**  
**Chapter 6: The Nature of the Gods**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Gods described by this term have the form and character of humans:  
(a) anthropomorphic (b) archetypal (c) etiological (d) etymological
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The early philosopher/poets who wrote about the nature of the physical and spiritual universe are referred to as: (a) Epicureans (b) Humanists (c) Naturalists (d) Pre-Socratics
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Author who wrote: "Wonders are many but none is more wonderful than man."  
(a) Herodotus (b) Homer (c) Sophocles (d) Xenophanes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Philosopher who said that if horses and cattle could make depictions of gods, they would depict them as horses and cattle (i.e. in their own form): (a) Hesiod (b) Epicurus (c) Protagoras (d) Xenophanes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Historian who wrote the (mythic) history of Croesus and Solon: (a) Herodotus (b) Hesiod (c) Ovid (d) Tellus
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Which is NOT a reason Solon gives for Tellus' happiness: (a) his great wealth (b) his beautiful (and surviving) children (c) the prosperity of his city (d) his glorious death in battle
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. In the story of Cleobis and Biton, the implication of Hera's answer to her priestess's prayer is that (a) victory in warfare insured immortality (b) status in civic life is given to those who are worthy of it (c) good reputation is the thing men must strive for (d) death is the best reward for worthy humans.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Croesus' frightening prophetic dream about his son was: (a) that his son would depose him and rule in his place (b) that his son would marry a serpent (c) that his son would be killed by an iron weapon (d) that his son would exalt himself too much and incur divine wrath
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The relationship between Adrastus and Croesus was: (a) Adrastus was extremely loyal because Croesus had purified him from a murder he had inadvertently committed (b) Adrastus was envious of Croesus' position because he had lost his own kingdom (c) Adrastus was afraid to use his oracular powers because he knew Croesus would be angry with him (d) Adrastus was bent on revenge because Croesus continually treated him as a servant
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Atys died: (a) by drowning during a sea voyage (b) in combat, when he

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disobeyed his father and engaged in warfare (c) by accident, struck by a spear in a boar hunt (d) struck down by Zeus because of his arrogance

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Croesus dared to go to war against Persia because: (a) he held them responsible for his son's death (b) he misinterpreted an oracle from Apollo (c) Solon had advised him to do so (d) he had wanted to marry the king's daughter, but been refused

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Term that means the overwhelming arrogance that causes someone to lose sight of his own place in the universe: (a) ate (b) hubris (c) monotheism (d) pantheon

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Term that means the continuation of this state, "blind infatuation," when wrongs continue to pile up as the human continues along his destructive path: (a) ate (b) expiation (c) hubris (d) nemesis

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. Term that refers to the ultimate downfall that comes to humans who (through arrogance and blindness) cause offense to the gods (personally or generally): (a) expiation (b) hubris (c) miasma (d) nemesis

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. Term for deities that are primarily associated with the earth and underworld: (a) Anthropomorphic (b) Chthonic (c) Olympian (d) Pantheon

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Term for the feminine spirits that inhabit woodlands, streams, etc.: (a) Chthonic deities (b) Nymphs (c) Presocratics (d) Xenophanes

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Herodotus was writing in about : (date) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Sophocles was writing in about : (date) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Homer was writing/composing in about : (date) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Xenophanes was writing in about : (date) \_\_\_\_\_