

2021 Topical Study Mythology

1. Sisyphus was condemned in the Underworld to:
 - a. Have his liver devoured by an eagle
 - b. revolve on a wheel
 - c. roll a rock up a hill
 - d. never eat or drink
2. Which of the following is a lover of Zeus
 - a. Phaedra
 - b. Semele
 - c. Ariadne
 - d. Daphne
3. _____ stole Medea from her home Colchis
 - a. Theseus
 - b. Apollo
 - c. Jason
 - d. Perseus
4. What was the seer Tiresias also known for?
 - a. He was blind
 - b. He was immortal
 - c. No one believed his prophecies
 - d. He was crippled
5. Which of the following is a labor of Heracles
 - a. He slew the dragon of Thebes
 - b. He yoked fire-breathing cattle
 - c. He killed Hyacinthus with a discus
 - d. He stole the cattle of Geryon
6. Which of the following was not one of Heracles' wives?
 - a. Hippolyta
 - b. Deianira
 - c. Megara
 - d. Hebe
7. _____ was the father of Pegasus.
 - a. Bellerophon
 - b. Chrysaor
 - c. Poseidon
 - d. Zeus
8. Orestes was hounded by the furies for
 - a. Fleeing to Athens from his home city
 - b. defying Apollo
 - c. killing his mother
 - d. sleeping with his step-mother
9. Which of the following did Aeneas not take with him out of burning Troy?
 - a. Anchises
 - b. Ascanius
 - c. his household gods
 - d. The sword of the Troy
10. Who does Odysseus not see in the underworld?
 - a. Laertes
 - b. Ajax
 - c. Agamemnon
 - d. Tiresias
11. Which of these is a Greek hero in the Iliad?
 - a. Diomedes
 - b. Deiphobus
 - c. Hector
 - d. Sarpedon
12. Which of these was one of Jason's Argonauts?
 - a. Tithonus
 - b. Theseus
 - c. Polynices
 - d. Atalanta

13. _____ is the best friend of Achilles.
- a. Ajax b. Patroclus c. Nestor d. Menelaus
14. What city do Polynices and Eteocles fight for control of?
- a. Rome b. Athens c. Sparta d. Thebes
15. Chiron, the teacher of Achilles and many other heroes, was
- a. A king b. a centaur c. a satyr d. a god
16. Romulus and Remus were the sons of
- a. Mars b. Jove c. Venus d. Juno
17. Tiresias is a character in all of the following works except:
- a. Res Gestae b. Oedipus Rex c. The Odyssey d. The Bacchae
18. Which of the following is a child of Zeus?
- a. Artemis b. Theseus c. Eros d. Io
19. In Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, Philomela, Procne, and Tereus are all turned into
- a. Trees b. Flowers c. Birds d. Frogs
20. Which of the following did not travel to and return from the underworld?
- a. Orpheus b. Achilles c. Theseus d. Odysseus
21. What was the answer that Oedipus gave to the sphinx, in order to solve her riddle?
- a. "Man" b. "Death" c. "Marriage" d. "Two sphinxes"
22. Which of these was not a place or person that Odysseus visited on his journey home?
- a. Polyphemus b. Ogygia c. Aeolus d. Crete
23. Medea killed all of the following except:
- a. Creon b. Her children c. Creon's daughter d. Aegeus
24. Which of the following is not a name for the Greeks?
- a. Phoenicians b. Achaeans c. Argives d. Danaans
25. Which god invented the lyre?
- a. Calliope b. Apollo c. Athena d. Hermes
26. What is the name of the nymph who turns into a laurel tree to escape Apollo?
- a. Daphne b. Echo c. Coronis d. Salmacis

27. The Pythia was what?

- a. A fire breathing monster
- b. A sacred trophy, dedicated to Apollo
- c. The priestess at Delphi
- d. A consort of Zeus

28. How does Oedipus die?

- a. His sons murder him for the throne of Thebes
- b. He dies peacefully in Athens
- c. Jocasta murders him with her dress pins
- d. He kills himself after learning the truth

29. What god did Athena compete with for control of Athens?

- a. Zeus
- b. Hera
- c. Poseidon
- d. Apollo

30. How does Phaethon die in the Metamorphoses?

- a. Helios kills him for boasting that he is a better charioteer
- b. Zeus kills him to keep him from burning up the world
- c. His wife stabs him
- d. He chokes on an olive

31. Which of the following is not a child of Pasiphae, the queen of Crete?

- a. The Minotaur
- b. Theseus
- c. Phaedra
- d. Ariadne

32. In the beginning of the Iliad, who points out the Greek heroes to Priam?

- a. Helen
- b. Odysseus
- c. Hector
- d. Briseis

33. Who frees Prometheus from his punishment?

- a. Theseus
- b. Dionysus
- c. Zeus
- d. Heracles

34. What does Arachne boast she can do better than Athena?

- a. Play the harp
- b. Weave
- c. Sing
- d. Look beautiful

35. Narcissus was fated to destruction if he ever:

- a. Slept with a woman
- b. Saw himself
- c. Tried to marry
- d. Defied the gods

36. Which of the following was not an enemy of Aeneas?

- a. Turnus
- b. Pallas
- c. Mezentius
- d. Camilla

37. Polyphemus was a:

- a. Centaur
- b. Old man
- c. Cyclops
- d. Lapith

38. Io was transformed into a _____.

- a. Bear
- b. Bird
- c. Dolphin
- d. Cow

39. Which of the following refused to worship Dionysus in the Bacchae?
- a. Cadmus b. Semele c. Pentheus d. Maenad
40. Which of the following is not a virgin goddess?
- a. Persephone b. Athena c. Artemis d. Hestia
41. What was the Roman name for Artemis?
- a. Vesta b. Juno c. Minerva d. Diana
42. Which deity is associated with war, weaving, and crafts?
- a. Aphrodite b. Poseidon c. Athena d. Hades
43. Atalanta defeated all of her suitors in a contest of:
- a. Wrestling b. Archery c. Weaving d. Running
44. Which of the following is something not associated with Poseidon?
- a. Earthquakes b. He is the father of Theseus c. The Bow and Arrow d. Horses
45. The psychopompos, or leader of the dead to the underworld, refers to:
- a. Hermes b. Persephone c. Heracles d. Hades
46. How did Agamemnon die?
- a. His wife killed him b. Athena wrecked his ship
c. He killed himself after losing Achilles' armor d. He was cut down in the sack of Troy
47. Who was the daughter of Helios?
- a. Diana b. Atalanta c. Circe d. Penelope
48. In punishment for not honoring her Aphrodite caused Phaedra to fall in love with who?
- a. Jason b. Hippolytus c. Attis d. Perseus
49. This island floated on the sea until it allowed Leto to give birth there:
- a. Delos b. Crete c. Lesbos d. Rhodes
50. The Aeneid ends with Aeneas doing what?
- a. Forgives his enemy b. Founds a city
c. Kills the king of the Rutulians d. Marries Lavinia

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