

1. Urban legends are important to students of mythology because they \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) are easy to debunk as false
  - B) emphasize themes and issues that concern human beings at their core
  - C) demonstrate the keen imagination of the general population
  - D) represent a modern version of stories about gods and heroes
  
2. An ancient story that emphasizes the ongoing conflict of nature and culture in civilization is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) Oedipus
  - B) the Trojan War
  - C) the *Iliad*
  - D) the *Epic of Gilgamesh*
  
3. Upon completion of his labors, Hercules \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) receives an apology and praise from Eurystheus
  - B) becomes immortal
  - C) dies
  - D) seeks to avenge his maltreatment by Eurystheus
  
4. The story of Odysseus' encounter with Aeolus, the god of wind, represents the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) aetiological insights of myth
  - B) cosmological insights of myth
  - C) metaphysical insights of myth
  - D) anthropological insights of myth
  
5. Mythical figures who were **NOT** historical characters include \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) Gilgamesh
  - B) Cyrus
  - C) Ulysses
  - D) Daniel Boone
  
6. The Greek goddess of wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) Athena
  - B) Hera
  - C) Aphrodite
  - D) Helen

7. Aphrodite offered Paris \_\_\_\_\_ if he would declare her the winner of the beauty contest.
- A) all of the riches in Troy
  - B) political power over Europe and Asia
  - C) status as the bravest and wisest warrior in the world
  - D) the most beautiful woman in the world
8. Achilles was persuaded by \_\_\_\_\_ to join the expedition to get Helen back.
- A) Thetis
  - B) Hephaistos
  - C) Menelaus
  - D) Odysseus
9. It took Odysseus 10 years to journey back home to Ithaca because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Poseidon, god of the sea, interfered
  - B) he stopped on the way to fight other wars
  - C) his men mutinied
  - D) he'd been wounded and could not travel any faster
10. While Odysseus was gone, Penelope was assisted by \_\_\_\_\_ in fighting off suitors.
- A) Telemachus
  - B) Eumaeus
  - C) Achilles
  - D) Priam

**Complete the statement with the answer that best represents what you've learned in this chapter:**

11. Paris was asked to determine who was the most beautiful woman in the world: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.
12. An example of a metaphysical insight found in the story of Heracles is \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Urban legends are related to myth insofar as they reflect \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Heracles is the son of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The Native American story of Raven's stealing fresh water from Petrel and creating from it the great rivers of the world is an example of a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ insight into myth.
16. The noblest Greek warrior at Troy was \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The impetus for the Trojan War was the kidnapping of Helen by \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The Greek word for “nostalgia” is related to the English word \_\_\_\_\_.
19. Mircea Eliade's views show that archaic societies used \_\_\_\_\_ to master their universe, while we use science.
20. There is strong \_\_\_\_\_ evidence that the Trojan War was not merely a story.

## Answer Key

1. B
2. D
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. A
7. D
8. D
9. A
10. A
11. Hera, Athena, Aphrodite
12. Heracles is mortal, despite being fathered by Zeus, and therefore is limited.
13. the deepest concerns of human beings.
14. Zeus and Alcmene
15. aetiological
16. Achilles
17. Paris
18. homecoming
19. mythology
20. archaeological