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Word Zone: Greek Mythology

mortal – (*adj*) subject to death; (*n*) person
immortal – (*n*) synonym for god; (*adj*) to live eternally
hero – (*n*) a mortal who had one parent who was an immortal who has great strength or wisdom
nectar – (*n*) the drink of the gods
ambrosia – (*n*) the food of the gods
muse – (*n*) any of the nine sister goddesses whom poets sought for inspiration
myth – (*n*) a traditional story that tells of the beginnings of a race of people, explains a natural phenomenon or creation, or tells of the actions of the gods and goddesses
legend – (*n*) traditional story handed down as a historical account of the actions of a hero
trident – (*n*) a three-pronged spear
caduceus – (*n*) a winged staff with two snakes entwined around it; symbol of medical profession
hearth – (*n*) fireplace
hubris – arrogant pride that leads a mortal to ignore the natural boundaries of mortality

Choose the best word from the vocabulary box to finish the sentences below.

- The story of King Arthur is a _____ many students enjoy studying.
- On our vacation in Florida we saw a statue of Neptune holding his characteristic _____ like a scepter of power.
- Most teenagers don't like to admit they are _____.
- The food at the party tasted so good! The punch tasted like _____ and the cake was like _____.
- Cinderella got her name from having to clean the cinders from the _____.
- We learned that many poets appeal to their _____ to bless their attempts at writing.
- My brother has the image of a/an _____ imprinted on his medical degree.
- Many of the Greek heroes' fatal flaw was the sin of _____, where they compared themselves with the immortals.
- The story of a great flood is a/an _____ that is present in almost all ancient cultures.
- One of the ways heroes could be described as _____ was for their stories to survive forever to be told to each new generation.
- With his presidency compared to Camelot, John F. Kennedy gained the status of a modern-day _____ for many people.

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Quiz Time: *Greek Mythology*

Directions: Write the letter of the best answer in the space provided,
OR write true or false for each statement.

1. _____ Hesiod was a shepherd on _____, where he was inspired by the Muses.
 - a. Mount Olympus
 - b. Mount Helicon
 - c. Mount Hood
 - d. Mount Parnassus
 - e. all of the above
2. _____ Myths were written _____.
 - a. to explain natural phenomenon.
 - b. for entertainment.
 - c. to make fun of the gods.
 - d. both a and c
 - e. both a and b
3. _____ Homer wrote _____.
 - a. *Works and Days*
 - b. *Ovid's Meditations*
 - c. *Achilles and the Heroes*
 - d. the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*
4. _____ Phaëthon is remembered for _____.
 - a. sending a tidal wave to destroy the Greek fleet.
 - b. driving the sun god's chariot and losing control.
 - c. tricking Hera.
 - d. both b and c.
5. _____ Prometheus is known as the savior of mankind because _____.
 - a. he stole fire from the gods to give to man.
 - b. he gave man the gift of forethought and after thought.
 - c. he taught man how to weave.
 - d. he taught man how to hunt.
6. _____ What event set off the Trojan War?
 - a. Poseidon sent a hurricane to punish the Greeks.
 - b. Pandora opened her box and released war into the world.
 - c. The Judgment of Paris.
 - d. Prometheus disobeyed Zeus and gave woman to man.

Video Quiz Questions
Greek Mythology - continued

7. _____ True or False? The Romans adopted the Greek gods and kept their same names.
8. _____ We get the scientific name for spiders from _____.
a. Athena, the goddess of weaving.
b. Artemis, the goddess of wild animals.
c. Arachne, a Greek maiden.
d. Achilles, a hero who had to face a giant spider.
9. _____ Theseus, the hero and king of Athens, is known for _____.
a. building the Labyrinth.
b. killing the Minotaur.
c. saving the youths and maidens of Crete.
d. building the Trojan Horse.
10. _____ True or False? Ares is the god of destructive war, while Athena is the goddess of just war.
11. _____ The Greek hero who built the Trojan Horse is _____.
a. Hercules
b. Achilles
c. Hector
d. Odysseus
12. _____ Hades, as god of the underworld, was considered wealthy because _____.
a. rich people had to give him all their wealth.
b. the dead had to pay to cross into the underworld.
c. precious stones and metals are found underground.
d. all of the above.
13. _____ True or False? The Olympic games were originally held in honor of the Roman heroes.
14. _____ The worst sin a Greek could commit was _____.
a. hubris, the act of thinking they were better than the gods.
b. regicide, the killing of a king.
c. gluttony, wishing for too much of a good thing.
d. intolerance, having no mercy on one's enemies.
15. _____ The Aegean Sea is named after Aegeus because _____.
a. he won a great battle there against the Trojan War ships.
b. he flung himself to his death into the sea when he thought Theseus was dead.
c. Zeus honored him for establishing the Olympic games.
d. that is where he defeated King Minos and the Minotaur.

