COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: APHRODITE

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. Do you think it would be more helpful to make people fall in love or out of love? Why?

3. Which goddess did Paris choose as the most beautiful?

A. Aphrodite
B. Athena
C. Hera

4. Why might shells be a symbol of Aphrodite?

A. Shells come from the ocean, where she was born.
B. Shells come from animals, which she ruled.
C. Shells can hold pearls, which she wore.

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5. What does **followers** mean in the *Aphrodite* book?

*Aphrodite's main places of worship were in Cyprus. But she had **followers** all over Greece.*

A. people who get lost
B. people who believe in a god or goddess
C. people who cook food

6. What does **offered** mean in the *Aphrodite* book?

*People brought these things to her temples. They also **offered** incense and flowers.*

A. gave something to a goddess
B. sold something at a store
C. lost something at sea

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ANSWER KEY FOR GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: APHRODITE

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. A
5. B
6. A

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: APOLLO

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.

2. Would you want to have someone predict your future? Why or why not?

3. Where was the most important temple of Apollo located?

A. Egypt
B. Delphi
C. Turkey

4. Why would people bring laurel branches to Apollo's temple?

A. Laurel trees were very expensive.
B. Laurel trees were not important.
C. Laurel trees were a symbol of Apollo.

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5. What does **rejected** mean in the *Apollo* book?

Other people didn't love him back. Apollo did not like being ***rejected****.*

A. prayed to
B. followed around
C. not loved or wanted

6. What does **cursed** mean in the *Apollo* book?

Apollo got angry. He ***cursed*** *that man by giving him donkey ears.*

A. made friends with someone
B. hurt someone with magic
C. was kind to someone

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ANSWER KEY FOR GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: APOLLO

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. B

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: ARES

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. Would you want Ares to be on your side in a fight? Why or why not?

3. Which goddess did Ares often fight against?

A. Eris
B. Enyo
C. Athena

4. How were the Amazons similar to Ares?

A. They were skilled fighters.
B. They were calm and peaceful.
C. They were sons of Zeus.

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5. What does **weaved** mean in the *Ares* book?

*His horses **weaved** between soldiers. The men fought harder when he passed.*

A. stayed in one place
B. twisted and turned while moving
C. made thread into fabric

6. What does **captured** mean in the *Ares* book?

*In one story, two giants **captured** Ares. They trapped him in a bronze pot.*

A. caught someone
B. lost someone
C. let someone go

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ANSWER KEY FOR GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: ARES

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2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. A

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: ATHENA

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. If you had been the ruler of Athens, would you have chosen Athena or Poseidon? Why?

3. What was one of Athena's skills?

A. music
B. weaving
C. sports

4. Why might Athena sometimes be stern?

A. Her sense of justice would make her enforce the rules.
B. Her sense of pride would make her say rude things.
C. Her fear of losing would make her act unwisely.

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5. What does **crush** mean in the *Athena* book?

*Athena saw the rocks begin to slam shut. Soon, they would **crush** the hero's boat.*

A. break by pressing on
B. stay away from
C. hold very still

6. What does **invade** mean in the *Athena* book?

*Athena helped the Greeks win the Trojan War. They hid inside a huge horse to **invade** the city of Troy.*

A. attack and take over
B. run away from
C. give lots of money to

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ANSWER KEY FOR GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: ATHENA

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3. B
4. A
5. A
6. A

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: HADES

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. Do you think it was fair for Hades to punish both lovers when the man looked back? Why or why not?

3. Who did Hades fall in love with?

A. Demeter
B. Persephone
C. Eurydice

4. Why didn't Hades appear in much Greek art?

A. The Greeks did not believe in Hades.
B. The Greeks did not respect Hades.
C. The Greeks were afraid of Hades.

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5. What does **musician** mean in the *Hades* book?

*He was a talented **musician**. He sang and played the lyre.*

A. a person who makes food
B. a person who makes music
C. a person who dislikes music

6. What does **blossomed** mean in the *Hades* book?

*Spring came when she returned. Flowers **blossomed**. Plants grew.*

A. had open petals
B. shrank and died
C. became very cold

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3. B
4. C
5. B
6. A

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: HERA

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Do you think it was fair for Hera to attack Zeus's children? Why or why not?

3. Which animal was sacred to Hera?

A. the fly
B. the peacock
C. the stork

4. Why would Zeus not want Hera to find Io?

A. Io would make Hera go away.
B. Io would like Hera more than him.
C. Hera would probably try to hurt Io.

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5. What does **faithful** mean in the *Hera* book?

*Zeus was not a **faithful** husband. He had many lovers.*

A. staying true to one person or idea
B. being hard to trust or rely on
C. being a bad example to others

6. What does **athletes** mean in the *Hera* book?

*It was a sports festival for female **athletes**. Girls ran races.*

A. people who start a fire
B. people who rule a country
C. people who do a sport

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ANSWER KEY FOR GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: HERA

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: POSEIDON

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Would you rather have the power to cause earthquakes or to create storms? Why?

3. Which creatures pulled Poseidon's chariot?

A. fish
B. nymphs
C. hippocampi

4. Why were Poseidon's temples built near water?

A. Most of Poseidon's powers involved water.
B. Poseidon disliked water and avoided it.
C. Poseidon had no powers on land.

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5. What does **unpredictable** mean in the *Poseidon* book?

*Like the waters he ruled, Poseidon was **unpredictable**. He got angry easily.*

A. never getting angry
B. always staying calm
C. often changing moods

6. What does **requested** mean in the *Poseidon* book?

*They asked for safe travels. And they **requested** help with fishing and trade.*

A. stood next to something
B. asked for something
C. fell off something

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ANSWER KEY FOR GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: POSEIDON

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3. C
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5. C
6. B

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES: ZEUS

1. Write a few sentences explaining how Zeus came to power.

2. Do you think Zeus was a good ruler? Why or why not?

3. What kind of being was Cronus, Zeus's father?

A. a human
B. a hero
C. a Titan

4. Why might temples for Zeus be built on mountains?

A. The temples could be near the sky and weather.
B. The temples could be too high to visit.
C. Only people on mountains worshipped Zeus.

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5. What does **rewarded** mean in the *Zeus* book?

*Zeus punished evil people. But he **rewarded** good deeds.*

A. thanked people for doing things
B. stopped people from doing things
C. hurt or made fun of people

6. What does **popular** mean in the *Zeus* book?

*Zeus was **popular** all over Greece. Many homes had an altar to him.*

A. not very well-known
B. liked by many people
C. very hard to find

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