



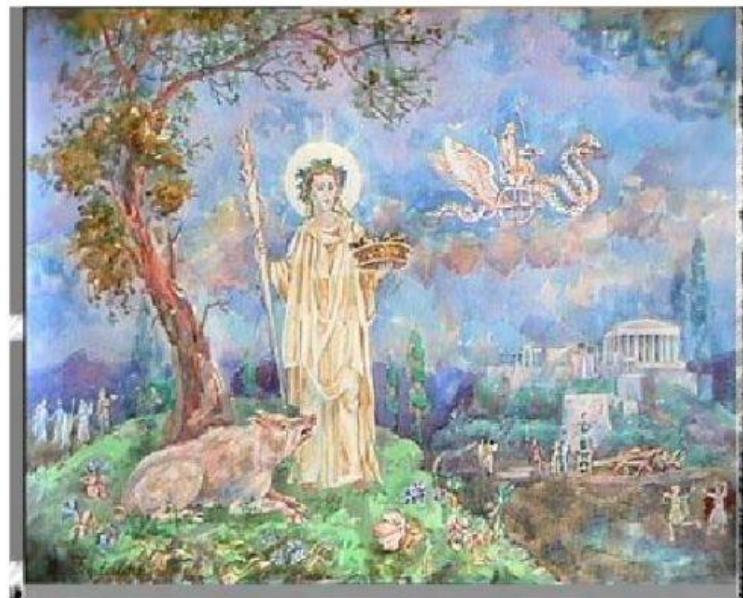
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As you read and listen to the story, answer the questions.

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PART 1

1. This is a story that happened _____ of years ago, before time began.
2. If a god _____ to change your life... what choice did you have?
3. When she _____ the earth, the harvest was good.
4. Demeter told the people when to _____ the land and when to plant, and they did as she said.
5. Then, she would bend down and take a _____ of earth in her fingers, lifting it to sniff the aroma.
6. Persephone was her _____ and the light of her life.
7. _____ seemed to flow out of her, as easily as water flows from a mountain spring.



PART 2

8. When the long summer was over and the _____ was coming, she went to her favorite _____.
9. The only light came from _____ torches set into the walls.
10. Cerberus had three heads, all of them _____ and ugly.
11. He rubbed dirt on his _____ and hair so that he looked like a poor and _____ traveler.
12. Persephone saw the man in the _____ cloak watching her.



PART 3

13. As Hades walked away, he _____, "I will see you again. I will have you as my queen of the _____.

14. "You will come to my _____ and be my queen."

15. The next, she was gone, into the dark and damp reaches of Hades's _____ kingdom.

16. Demeter grew more and more upset, _____ the loss of her dearest and only child.

17. The apples in Persephone's _____ were hard and small and without _____.



PART 4

18. "My people are _____," he said, "and it is my fault".

19. He wanted his people to _____ well and _____ well and have fine lives.

20. But Persephone was so _____ to be on her way that she _____ opened the fruit and ate only six of the seeds inside.

21. "Oh, no!" cried Demeter. "If you eat _____ in the Underworld, you must return there."

22. But every _____, when Persephone returned, _____ grew and birds sang and Mother _____ rejoiced in the rebirth of the growing seasons.