

PERSEPHONE: QUEEN OF THE UNDERWORLD

A GREEK MYTH

I. Match the characters of the story to the correct description.

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| 1. Zeus | sun god |
| 2. Demeter | brother of Zeus |
| 3. Helios | three-headed guard dog |
| 4. Hermes | Queen of Eleusis |
| 5. Persephone | goddess of the dead and of springtime |
| 6. Poseidon | father of Persephone |
| 7. Shadows | messenger of the gods |
| 8. Cerberus | mother of Persephone |
| 9. Hades | human |
| 10. Mortals | spirits of the mortal dead |

II. Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. The gloomy underworld kingdom was called _____.
2. Demeter was the goddess of all the plants and _____.
3. Hades went to Mount _____ to beg to Zeus to give him Persephone as his wife.
4. Demeter disguised and Queen _____ hired her to look after the new baby.
5. Every _____, Demeter cries because Persephone returns to the underworld and to her husband, Hades.

III. Read the following sentences carefully. Choose True or False.

1. Hades had seven rivers and the main river was the Styx.
2. Demeter had only one daughter and her name is Persephone.
3. Demeter does not want Persephone to marry the god of dead.
4. Helios helped Demeter to find Persephone.
5. Demeter cursed the land that resulted to famine and the only way to remove the curse is when they bring back Persephone to her.