

Medusa Mythology Exam 2014 Study
Guide *Mythology Masquerade*

This study guide is intended to help guide you in your preparation for the exam. It is not intended to be the be-all, end-all for information. There can be information on the exam which is not explicitly detailed on this study guide. The material found here is a starting point for study and should help you understand the scope of the exam and gauge the difficulty of the material which could be on the exam. You might want to read about the gods or goddess listed below and then focus on the specific instances given in the study guide. Our hope is that you will enjoy the stories.

We, the Medusa Mythology Exam committee, hope that you will begin (if not continue) to find the original literature engaging, compelling, and useful in your study and personal reading. For this year's study guide, students are given mythological characters, and we recommend that you read, either in original sources or mythology dictionaries, about the characters and the episodes involving the characters and the people listed under each name. The list is attached below.

Nota Bene- All names here are listed in Greek. You need to know the Greek and Roman names and spellings for characters, as well as the Anglicized versions of names. For example, "the Fates" (Anglicized) are known as the "Moirae" in Greek and "Fata" and "Parcae" in Latin.

Primary Sources: Ovid's *Metamorphoses* Homeric Hymns Homer's *Iliad* Homer's *Odyssey*
Vergil's *Aeneid*

Secondary Sources: *The Meridian Handbook of Classical Mythology* Grimal's *Classical Mythology* Morford & Lenardens' *Classical Mythology* Hazel & Grant's *Who's Who in Classical Mythology*

I. Aphrodite/ Venus

A. Seduction- Anchises (Phrygian princess) B. Assistance- Aeneas (huntress) C. Tricks/ Hiding- from Typhon (as fish)

II. Apollo

A. Seduction- Leucothoe (her mother) B. Assistance- priests (as dolphin) C. Tricks/ Hiding- from Typhon (as raven or hawk)

III. Ares/ Mars

A. Seduction- none B.
Assistance- none C. Tricks/
Hiding-

1. Anna Perenna (she disguises herself as Minerva to trick Mars into thinking that Minerva wants to marry him) 2. from Typhon (as fish)

IV. Artemis/ Diana

A. Seduction- none B.
Assistance- none C. Tricks/
Hiding-

1. Otus & Ephialtes (as deer to get them to shoot each other) 2. from Typhon (as cat)

V. Athena/ Minerva

A. Seduction- none B.
Assistance

1. Telemachus (Mentor) 2. Odysseus C.

Tricks/ Hiding

1. Arachne (as old woman) 2. Hector
(as Deiphobus)

VI. Demeter/ Ceres

A. Seduction- none B.

Assistance- none C. Tricks/

Hiding-

1. from Poseidon (as mare/ horse) 2. Celeus
(as old woman)

VII. Dionysus/ Bacchus

A. Seduction- none B.

Assistance- none C. Tricks/

Hiding

1. Pentheus

a. Dionysus disguises himself as a priest b. Dionysus makes
Pentheus appear as a lion 2. from Typhon (as goat)

VIII. Hera/ Juno

A. Seduction- switched out for cloud to save her from Ixion B. Assistance-
none C. Tricks/ Hiding

1. Semele (as old nurse/ Beroe) 2. Amazons
(as fellow Amazon) 3. Jason (as old woman)
4. from Typhon (as cow)

IX. Hermes/ Mercury

A. Seduction- none B.

Assistance- none C. Tricks/

Hiding

1. Battus (as human)
2. Argus (as shepherd) 3. Baucis and Philemon
(as beggar) 4. from Typhon (as ibis/ bird)

X. Poseidon/ Neptune

A. Seduction

1. Demeter (as horse) 2. Medusa (as bird) 3. Tyro (as
river god) B. Assistance- none C. Tricks/ Hiding-
from Cronus (as foal)

XI. Zeus/ Jupiter

A. Seduction

1. Aegina (as flame) 2. Alcmene (as Amphityron) 3. Antiope (as satyr) 4. Callisto (as
Artemis) 5. Danae (as golden rain) 6. Europa (as bull) 7. Ganymede (as eagle) 8. Hera
(as cuckoo) 9. Leda (as swan) 10. Metis (she takes form of fly to escape) 11. Nemesis
(swan) 12. Semele (as hot guy whose abs you can feel through his shirt) B. Assistance-
none C. Tricks/ Hiding

1. Baucis and Philemon (as beggar) 2. Cronus

a. hidden from Cronus (as rock) b. disguises as cup-bearer to
drug Cronus 3. from Typhon (as ram)

XII. et alii

A. Seductions

1. Alpheius- Arethusa (as human) 2. Vertumnus- Pomona (as farmer, fisherman, soldier, old woman) B. Assistance

1. Asclepius- as snake 2. Hypnos- as bird 3. Morpheus- as whatever he needs to be for your dreams C. Tricks/ Hiding

1. Iris- Trojan women (as old woman) 2. Proteus- from Herakles (as many shapes)

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Directions: Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

Use the scantron to mark your answers. You may write on the exam, but your answers must be on the scantron.

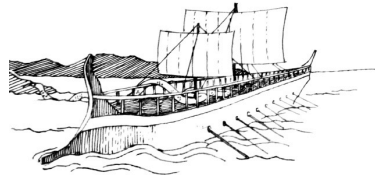
- ___ 1. Disguised as an old woman, Athena attempted to warn Arachne not to be so proud of her skill at _____.
- a. archery b. singing c. weaving d. healing
- ___ 2. What god disguised himself as a herdsman in order to kill Argus?
- a. Dionysus b. Pan c. Hermes d. Apollo
- ___ 3. In the *Aeneid*, what goddess appeared to Aeneas in the guise of a huntress and advised him to visit the newly founded city of Carthage?
- a. Juno b. Iris c. Diana d. Venus
- ___ 4. What deity took on the form of the wise counselor Mentor in order to advise Telemachus?
- a. Hermes b. Apollo c. Hera d. Athena
- ___ 5. Which of the following was NOT a part of the identity which Demeter invented for herself when she met the daughters of Celeus?
- a. She was the daughter of Otreus. c. She was originally from Crete.
- b. She was named Doso. d. She was abducted by pirates.
- ___ 6. Whom did Zeus seduce while disguised as her husband?
- a. Alcestis b. Alcione c. Althaea d. Alcmena
- ___ 7. To escape Typhon, many deities disguised themselves as animals. Which of the following is NOT a correct pairing of deity and disguise?
- a. Aphrodite / fish b. Ares / dog c. Apollo / crow d. Artemis / cat
- ___ 8. Zeus assumed many disguises when seducing women. Which of the following pairings is NOT correct for the maiden and the masquerading Zeus?
- a. Antiope / satyr b. Europa / bull c. Aegina / eagle d. Danae / swan
- ___ 9. In Book 22 of the *Iliad*, why did Athena assume the disguise of Deiphobus?
- a. to embolden Hector to fight Achilles c. to distract Helen and the Trojan women
- b. to urge Idomeneus to lead the Greeks d. to convince Pandarus to shoot Menelaus
- ___ 10. Which set of twins was conceived from the encounter of the maiden Tyro and Poseidon disguised as the river god Enipeus?
- a. Zetes and Calais c. Castor and Polydeuces
- b. Zethus and Amphion d. Pelias and Neleus
- ___ 11. Hera disguised herself as an Amazon in order to _____.
- a. plot with Juturna c. aid the Greeks at Troy
- b. incite an attack on Heracles d. detect her husband's lover
- ___ 12. Venus caused Apollo to fall desperately in love with Leucothoe. In order for Apollo to visit with Leucothoe, he disguised himself as her _____.
- a. cup-bearer b. mother c. father d. hand-maiden
- ___ 13. As whom was Hera disguised when she persuaded Semele to demand that Zeus reveal his true form?
- a. Beroe b. Oenone c. Amalthea d. Eurycleia
- ___ 14. Aphrodite, disguised as the daughter of a Phrygian king, told _____ that he was not to reveal the fact that she was the mother of their child.
- a. Midas b. Memnon c. Anchises d. Adonis
- ___ 15. Why did Mercury disguise himself when talking with Battus?
- a. to warn him of danger c. to steal his cattle
- b. to judge his trustworthiness d. to seduce him
- ___ 16. According to the *Homeric Hymns*, Apollo's first priests at Delphi were originally Cretan merchants whom he brought to the oracular site by turning himself into a _____.
- a. dolphin b. hoopoe c. whale d. kingfisher
- ___ 17. According to Euripides' *Bacchae*, how does Pentheus respond to the disguised Dionysus?
- a. worshipped him b. imprisoned him c. executed him d. exiled him
- ___ 18. Ixion was chained to a wheel of fire in the Underworld after he tried to commit adultery with a cloud shaped like _____.
- a. Persephone b. Aphrodite c. Artemis d. Hera
- ___ 19. How did the couple Baucis and Philemon see through Jupiter and Mercury's disguises as beggars?
- a. the gods healed their injuries c. the gods revived their pet goose
- b. their food turned into ambrosia d. their wine replenished itself
- ___ 20. What god of dreams had the ability to appear in dreams as any human he chose?
- a. Cratus b. Thanatos c. Morpheus d. Phobetor

- ___ 21. Zeus masqueraded as Artemis in order to pursue the nymph _____.
- a. Io b. Arethusa c. Daphne d. Callisto
- ___ 22. Demeter once transformed herself into a mare in an attempt to _____.
- a. discover where Persephone had gone c. escape the advances of Poseidon
- b. hide from Typhon's attack d. teach the Titans how to plow
- ___ 23. In the *Metamorphoses*, Arachne wove a tapestry that showed Neptune seducing Medusa in the form of a _____.
- a. dolphin b. bull c. bird d. serpent
- ___ 24. On one occasion, Zeus assumed the form of a cuckoo in order to _____.
- a. end a dispute among his sons c. test human piety
- b. woo one of his sisters d. amuse one of his daughters
- ___ 25. What disguise did Zeus assume when hiding from Typhon?
- a. a bear b. a bull c. a ram d. an eagle
- ___ 26. In Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, Vertumnus is said to have taken on all of the following disguises EXCEPT an _____.
- a. armed soldier b. old woman c. elderly priest d. uncouth farmer
- ___ 27. In Euripides' *Bacchae*, into what animal did Dionysus transform himself according to Pentheus' own account?
- a. bull b. panther c. goat d. serpent
- ___ 28. In Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, why did the river-god Alpheus assume a human form?
- a. to woo the nymph Arethusa c. to search for his son
- b. to hide from the other river gods d. to wrestle with Hercules
- ___ 29. Zeus used a disguise to deceive the mother of which of the following?
- a. Bellerophon b. Aeacus c. Medusa d. Pasiphae
- ___ 30. Disguised as an old woman, Demeter offered to take care of King Celeus' son Demophoon. In an attempt to make the boy immortal, she regularly fed him ambrosia and _____.
- a. wrapped him in a magical hide c. placed him in fire
- b. plunged him in ice d. nursed him with ichor
- ___ 31. In the *Iliad*, which minor deity, assuming the form of a bird, perched atop a fir tree while Hera visited Zeus on the peak of Mount Ida?
- a. Iris b. Thanatos c. Hypnos d. Asclepius
- ___ 32. The daughter of Oceanus and Tethys assumed many different forms in an attempt to thwart the advances of Zeus, but was eventually swallowed by him. "*I don't know why he swallowed the fly?*"
- a. Metis b. Themis c. Eurynome d. Pleione
- ___ 33. Why did Zeus assume the disguise of Cronus's a cup-bearer?
- a. to test the hospitality of men c. to rescue his siblings
- b. to institute sacrifices and rites on earth d. to introduce Thetis to Peleus
- ___ 34. Who suggested that the gods disguise themselves as animals in order to escape Typhon?
- a. Hermes b. Heracles c. Autolycus d. Aegipan
- ___ 35. Which sea-god transformed himself multiple times in an unsuccessful effort to evade interrogation by Hercules?
- a. Neptune b. Pontus c. Nereus d. Proteus
- ___ 36. What goddess took the form of a deer in order to trick the giants Otus and Ephialtes into shooting each other?
- a. Artemis b. Demeter c. Persephone d. Hera
- ___ 37. What did the messenger goddess Iris, disguised as a Trojan woman, incite the Trojan women to do?
- a. go into battle dressed as men c. refuse to nurse their children
- b. become allies with Turnus d. burn the Trojan ships

Use the visuals below to answer questions No. 38, 39, and 40.



___ No. 38:



___ No. 39



___ 40.

- ___ 38. VISUAL: What Trojan is Zeus abducting here?
- a. Cassandra b. Hesione c. Tros d. Ganymede
- ___ 39. VISUAL: This god was brought to Rome during a plague.
- a. Aesculapius b. Aegipan c. Apollo d. Achelous
- ___ 40. VISUAL: What child was born from this coupling?
- a. Hebe b. Helen c. Eros d. Erichthonius

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3. D
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7. B
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24. B
25. C
26. C
27. A
28. A
29. B
30. C
31. C
32. A
33. ALL ANSWERS ACCEPTED
34. D
35. C
36. A
37. D
38. D
39. A
40. B