

2017 Medusa Mythology Exam
Mythological Women: Magnificent and Maleficent

Name	Involved in stories with . . .
Andromeda	Perseus
Arachne	Athena
Callisto	Zeus
Camilla	<i>Aeneid</i>
Cassandra	Diana
	Agamemnon
	Apollo
Cassiopea	Trojan War
	Neptune
Circe	Perseus
	Odysseus
Clytemnestra	Achilles
	Agamemnon
Danae	Perseus
	Zeus
Danaides	Tartarus
Daphne	Apollo
Dido	<i>Aeneid, Book I, II, IV</i>
	Hera
	Venus
Eurydice	Hades
	Orpheus
	Aphrodite
Helen of Troy	Athena
	Hera
	Trojan War
	Hera
Io	Mercury
	Zeus
	Agamemnon
Iphigenia	Trojan War
	Jason
Medea	Perseus
Niobe	Apollo
	Artemis
Pasiphae	Poseidon
	Theseus
Penelope	Odysseus
Penthesileia	Achilles
	Trojan War
Phaedra	Theseus
Psyche	Aphrodite
	Eros
Scylla & Charybdis	Argonauts
	Circe
	Odysseus
Sirens	Argonauts
	Odysseus
Sphinx	Oedipus

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Name	Involved in/with . . .	web link to <i>www.theoi.com</i>
Andromeda	Perseus (<i>think</i> chained to a rock; saved by Perseus)	http://www.mythindex.com/greek-mythology/A/Andromeda.html
Arachne	Athena (<i>think</i> challenged Athena to a weaving contest)	http://www.mythindex.com/greek-mythology/A/Arachne.html
Artemis (Greek)	Apollo (<i>think</i> virgin goddess)	http://www.theoi.com/Olympios/Artemis.html
Callisto	Zeus (<i>think</i> turned into a constellation)	http://www.theoi.com/Heroine/Kallisto.html
Camilla	<i>Aeneid</i> (<i>think</i> fought with Aeneas)	http://www.mythindex.com/roman-mythology/C/Camilla.html
Cassandra	Diana, Agamemnon, Apollo, Trojan War	
Cassiopeia	Neptune (<i>think</i> Andromeda's prideful mother)	http://www.mythindex.com/greek-mythology/C/Cassiopeia.html
Circe	Odysseus (<i>think</i> goddess of sorcery; turns men into pigs)	http://www.theoi.com/Titan/Kirke.html
Clytemnestra	Trojan War (<i>think</i> Agamemnon's widow)	http://www.theoi.com/Text/HyginusFabulae3.html#117
Danae	Perseus Zeus (<i>think</i> mother and baby adrift at sea)	http://www.theoi.com/Heroine/Danae.html
Danaides	Hades (<i>think</i> marriage gone wrong)	http://www.mythindex.com/greek-mythology/D/Danaides.html
Daphne	Apollo (<i>think</i> lost a race, became a tree)	http://www.theoi.com/Nymphe/NympheDaphne.html
Diana (Roman)	virgin goddess	http://www.mythindex.com/roman-mythology/D/Diana.html
Dido	Aeneas (<i>think</i> smart woman, but unlucky in love)	http://www.mythindex.com/roman-mythology/D/Dido.html
Eurydice	Hades Orpheus (<i>think</i> don't look back)	http://www.theoi.com/Text/OvidMetamorphoses10.html
Helen of Troy	Aphrodite Hera Trojan War (<i>think</i> Judgment of Paris)	http://www.theoi.com/Olympios/AphroditeMyths2.html
Io	Hera Mercury Zeus (<i>think</i> wandering cow)	http://www.theoi.com/Heroine/IO.html

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Iphigenia	Artemis Agamemnon Trojan War (<i>think</i> losing your head instead of falling in love)	http://www.theoi.com/Olympios/ArtemisFavour.html#Iphigeneia
Medea	Jason (<i>think</i> sorceress)	http://www.mythindex.com/greek-mythology/M/Medeia.html
Medusa	Perseus (<i>think</i> mortal sister; loses her head to Perseus)	http://www.theoi.com/Pontios/Gorgones.html
Niobe	Apollo Artemis (<i>think</i> because of her pride, she spent the rest of her days weeping)	http://www.theoi.com/Olympios/ArtemisWrath.html
Pasiphae	Poseidon Theseus (<i>think</i> sorcerer; mother of hybrid child)	http://www.theoi.com/Titan/Pasiphae.html
Penelope	Odysseus Trojan War (<i>think</i> faithful wife; wove every day while her husband was gone)	http://www.mythindex.com/greek-mythology/P/Penelope.html
Penthesilea	Achilles Trojan War (<i>think</i> Amazon queen; killed by Achilles)	http://www.theoi.com/Heroine/AmazonPenthesileia.html
Phaedra	Theseus Hippolytus (<i>think</i> it pays to know a man's parents)	http://www.mythindex.com/greek-mythology/P/Phaedra.html
Psyche	Aphrodite Eros (<i>think</i> love among the clouds)	http://www.mythindex.com/greek-mythology/P/Psyche.html
Scylla & Charybdis	Argonauts Circe Odysseus (<i>think</i> sea monsters—one sits on rock and one is in water below)	http://www.theoi.com/Pontios/Skylla.html http://www.theoi.com/Pontios/Charybdis.html
Sirens	Argonauts Odysseus (<i>think</i> sea-nymphs with a bewitching song)	http://www.theoi.com/Pontios/Seirenes.html
Sphinx	Oedipus (<i>think</i> female monster who plagued Thebes)	http://www.theoi.com/Ther/Sphinx.html

Please note:

*This Study Guide has been revised to add *memento* ("think...") suggestions as well as links to www.theoi.com.

*Questions will focus on **the mythological women on the syllabus**.

*While the study guide (see below) is intended to help the student prepare for the exam, **there may be questions on the exam that are not covered in the study guide.**

*Knowing more is always a good thing.

*If a question refers to a specific version of a Classical story, the question will cite the Greek/Roman author.

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Directions:

- * Read each question carefully.
- * Identify the choice that **BEST** completes the statement or answers the question.
- * You may write on the exam, **BUT** mark your answers on the **scantron**.
- * Turn in your exam **and** your scantron. *N.B.: Only your scantron will be scored.*

- ____ 1. For whose death was Medea NOT responsible?
a. Creon b. Jason c. Glauce d. Pelias
- ____ 2. Which was NOT one of Pasiphae's children?
a. Minotaur b. Aegina c. Phaedra d. Ariadne
- ____ 3. What did Hermes give Odysseus to protect him from Circe's spells?
a. plant named moly b. enchanted sword c. cape of invisibility d. lotus flowers
- ____ 4. After the Trojan War, Helen of Troy _____.
a. committed suicide b. returned to Sparta c. rescued Cassandra d. ruled Troy
- ____ 5. Which of these women was NOT used as justification for either war or murder
a. Iphigenia b. Daphne c. Niobe d. Helen of Troy
- ____ 6. How did Penelope reveal her ingenuity and quick thinking under pressure to marry?
a. She tested whether Odysseus could have their marriage bed moved.
b. She unraveled her father-in-law's shroud nightly.
c. She had the suitors attempt to shoot an arrow through 12 axes.
d. All of the above
- ____ 7. Who informed Odysseus about the dangers of the Sirens and advised him on how to pass them safely?
a. Niobe b. Callisto c. Psyche d. Circe
- ____ 8. According to Vergil, Eurydice's death was caused because she _____.
a. was struck by lightning. c. fell off a cliff.
b. stepped on a poisonous snake. d. was struck by a poisonous arrow.
- ____ 9. Into what did Circe change King Picus because he spurned her advances?
a. woodpecker b. crow c. bull d. pig
- ____ 10. _____ was sent to torment the city of Thebes by devouring all who failed to solve her riddle.
a. Scylla b. Circe c. Sphinx d. Callisto
- ____ 11. From where did Helen of Troy acquire the drug nepenthe which Telemachus observed her giving to Menelaus? a. Asia b. Sicily c. Crete d. Egypt
- ____ 12. Ovid is describing _____ with the following words: "All her hair falls off and with it go her nose and ears; her head shrinks tiny; her whole body's small; instead of legs slim fingers line her sides. The rest is belly."? a. Niobe b. Arachne c. Callisto d. Io
- ____ 13. The most unusual thing about the birth of Helen of Troy was that she was born _____.
a. without a father b. out of a fire c. with a blue birthmark d. from an egg
- ____ 14. How are Circe and Medea related?
a. cousins b. aunt & niece c. mother & daughter d. sisters
- ____ 15. Of what ancient land was Cassiopeia the queen?
a. Bithynia b. Phoenicia c. Ethiopia d. Tunisia
- ____ 16. This beautiful nymph was loved by the sea-god Glaucus until the Circe transformed her into a monster a. Cassiopeia b. Andromeda c. Scylla d. Io
- ____ 17. What Argive princess was forced to wander across Europe and Asia, tormented by a gadfly until she reached Egypt and gave birth to Zeus's son Ephaphus?
a. Iphigenia b. Danae c. Io d. Camilla
- ____ 18. How did Apollo try to make amends to Daphne after she became a tree?
a. He made laurel leaves the symbol of victory c. He transformed her back into a woman.
b. He built a temple around her. d. He killed anyone who tried to cut her down.
- ____ 19. Which of these young women looked when she should not have?
a. Andromeda b. Psyche c. Eurydice d. Penelope
- ____ 20. Phaedra committed suicide because _____.
a. she did not want to be sacrificed to the Minotaur c. Hippolytus rejected her
b. Hippolytus was killed in a chariot accident d. she had been exiled from Athens
- ____ 21. According to Vergil, _____ was so fast on her feet that she could run over a field of wheat without breaking the tops of plants or run over the ocean without wetting her feet.
a. Psyche b. Camilla c. Penthesilea d. Niobe

- _____ 22. Which of the following was NOT a task Psyche performed in an attempt to persuade her angry mother-in-law to allow her to see her injured husband?
- a. sort mixed grains into separate piles
b. weave a beautiful gown
c. collect golden wool from Helios' sheep
d. retrieve water from the Styx
- _____ 23. What nymph experienced double metamorphoses—first into a bear as a punishment and then into a star as an honor.
- a. Psyche
b. Io
c. Callisto
d. Arachne
- _____ 24. For which couple did Circe perform a marriage ceremony?
- a. Jason and Medea
b. Glaucus and Scylla
c. Paris and Helen of Troy
d. Odysseus and Penelope
- _____ 25. In the Odyssey, what did Helen of Troy do when she realized that there was danger hidden in the Wooden Horse?
- a. She tried to smoke the Greeks out.
b. She fled out of the Scaean Gate
c. She said that the horse was a gift from the gods.
d. She imitated the voices of the Greek heroes' wives.
- _____ 26. A math problem: multiply the number of children of Niobe by 10. Your answer is _____.
- a. 140
b. 100
c. 60
d. 20
- _____ 27. Medusa lost her head because it was needed in order to rescue _____.
- a. Andromeda
b. Iphigenia
c. Penthesilea
d. Danae
- _____ 28. According to Euripides, after Artemis whisked Iphigenia away from Aulis, she _____.
- a. had no job since she died at Aulis.
b. became a servant at the home of Odysseus.
c. became queen of the Taurians.
d. became a priestess at the temple of Artemis.
- _____ 29. Who was visited by Zeus in the form of a golden shower despite her father's efforts to isolate her in a bronze tower?
- a. Pasiphae
b. Callisto
c. Io
d. Danae
- _____ 30. Pasiphae was cursed to fall in love with a bull because her husband _____.
- a. attempted to rape Amphitrite
b. stole Poseidon's trident
c. insulted the Nereids
d. failed to sacrifice a perfect bull
- _____ 31. The winged horse Pegasus and the giant Chrysaor sprang from the blood of _____.
- a. Penthesilea
b. Pasiphae
c. Callisto
d. Medusa
- _____ 32. These sea-nymphs lured sailors to death with their songs.
- a. Sirens
b. Sphinx
c. Charybdis
d. Scylla
- _____ 33. Who eventually helped solve the problem of Pasiphae's unnatural passion for the bull?
- a. Aphrodite
b. Eros
c. Daedalus
d. Circe
- _____ 34. Andromeda was chained to a rock in the middle of the sea because _____ boasted about her beauty.
- a. Arachne
b. Cassiopeia
c. Niobe
d. Psyche
- _____ 35. According to Aeschylus, _____ this woman lost her daughter, was unfaithful while her husband was at Troy, and killed him upon his return home.
- a. Dido
b. Clytemnestra
c. Iphigenia
d. Helen of Troy
- _____ 36. How many of her children did Niobe save by pleading with Apollo and Artemis?
- a. 1
b. 3
c. 7
d. none
- _____ 37. Which of these women did NOT offend a goddess by being compared to her either in beauty or skill?
- a. Helen of Troy
b. Psyche
c. Arachne
d. Andromeda

Use the visuals below to answer questions No. 38, 39, and 40. Write your answer on your scantron.



No. 38: _____



No. 39: _____



No. 40: _____

- _____ 38. VISUAL: Who is this woman?
- a. Andromeda
b. Danae
c. Io
d. Iphigenia
- _____ 39. VISUAL: Who is this baby?
- a. Danae
b. Penthesilea
c. Andromeda
d. Camilla
- _____ 40. VISUAL: Who is being punished in the underworld in this picture?
- a. Cassiopeia
b. Danaides
c. Eurydice
d. Niobe

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1. B
2. B
3. A
4. B
5. B
6. D
7. D
8. B
9. A
10. C
11. D
12. B
13. D
14. B
15. C
16. C
17. C
18. A
19. B
20. C
21. B
22. B
23. ALL ANSWERS ACCEPTED
24. A
25. D
26. A
27. D
28. D
29. D
30. D
31. D
32. A
33. C
34. B
35. B
36. ALL ANSWERS ACCEPTED
37. A
38. B
39. D
40. B