

**MEDUSA QUIZ**  
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**CLASS OF THE GODS: MEDUSA (History Channel)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Which of the following does not describe the physical appearance of Medusa?
- a. the tusks of a boar
  - b. snakes for hair
  - c. the tail of a scorpion
  - d. a tongue sticking out of the mouth
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Athena's temple in Athens is called the
- a. Parthenon
  - b. Delphi
  - c. Acropolis
  - d. Olympia
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. What does Medusa do that angers Athena?
- a. She breaks her vow to serve Athena loyally.
  - b. She is attacked inside Athena's temple.
  - c. She forgets to make a sacrifice to Athena.
  - d. She challenges Medusa to a contest.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. What does the myth of Medusa's transformation suggest about attitudes towards women in ancient Greece?
- a. Women were expected to be more religious than men.
  - b. Women were often blamed for things, even if they weren't at fault.
  - c. Women were often sold into lives of slavery.
  - d. Women were valued for their intelligence and creativity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Medusa's monstrous appearance was probably inspired by the appearance of
- a. death
  - b. wind storms
  - c. the goddesses
  - d. ghosts
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. A demi-god is a being that is half human and half:
- a. god
  - b. sprite
  - c. goat
  - d. horse
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Why is Danae walled up inside a giant tower?
- a. Her father fears she will kill him.
  - b. Her father fears she will run away.
  - c. Her father fears she will become pregnant.
  - d. Her father fears she will betray him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The father of Perseus is
- a. Zeus
  - b. Poseidon
  - c. Hades
  - d. Acrisius

- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. In ancient Greek, the name Gorgon comes from the word meaning
- a. magical
  - b. horrible
  - c. serpent
  - d. punishment
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. What is Medusa's garden made of?
- a. poisonous plants that can kill humans
  - b. a thick wall of vines that can't be penetrated
  - c. sharp jagged rocks
  - d. statues of dead men
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Why did many warriors want Medusa's head?
- a. her head could be useful against enemies
  - b. her head could make the owner immortal
  - c. her head was worth a lot of money in gold
  - d. her head granted people three wishes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. What are nymphs?
- a. women that predict the future
  - b. men that hunt in the forests
  - c. sprites that live in nature
  - d. demigods that cast spells on people
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. What object do the Graiai (Graeae) sisters share?
- a. a crystal ball
  - b. a protective shield
  - c. an eye
  - d. Medusa's head
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. What object does Perseus borrow from Hermes?
- a. his magical scepter
  - b. his helmet of invisibility
  - c. his winged sandals
  - d. his sword
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. What phenomenon does the myth of Perseus explain?
- a. changes in the seasons
  - b. constellations in the sky
  - c. the appearance of plants
  - d. customs of the Greeks
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. How is Perseus able to avoid the deadly gaze of Medusa?
- a. by using his shield
  - b. by closing his eyes
  - c. by standing outside of her garden
  - d. by blinding her
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Medusa's head is so powerful that its blood is capable of producing
- a. giants
  - b. snakes
  - c. fire
  - d. stones
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Medusa's head ultimately ends up
- a. on Zeus's throne
  - b. on Perseus's tomb
  - c. on Athena's shield
  - d. buried outside the Parthenon

