

Mythology Questions

Foreword and Introduction

Answer the following in **your own words**, in **complete sentences**, on **your own paper**, and **include the question in your answer**. For example, in answer to question 2, your response could begin: "According to Hamilton, Greek mythology differs from those of earlier cultures because . . ."

1. In her foreword, what does Edith Hamilton state is the main difficulty with bringing together a collection of myths like this one?
2. From the introduction, according to Hamilton, what are two ways Greek mythology differs from the mythologies of the cultures before it?
3. What are at least three remnants of primitive culture that are left in the mythology of the civilized Greeks? (Look for where Hamilton discusses "dark spots.")
4. What purposes did the myths serve in early Greece, according to Hamilton? (List at least two)
5. Why do differing views of the same god exist in the tales?
6. Briefly describe two important Roman writers of Greek myths.
7. Briefly describe the differences between Homer, Hesiod, and Sophocles and their works.