

Mythology Questions

Chapter 2 “The Two Great Gods of Earth”

Follow directions carefully. Many of you are still losing points on assignments because you simply aren't paying attention to the directions or answering all parts of the question.

Answer the following in **your own words**, in **complete sentences**, on **your own paper**, and **restate the question in your answer**. Be specific and thorough in your answers, using Hamilton as your source. Don't rely on your previous knowledge of the myths, and do not use websites or other sources to answer the questions.

1. *Briefly* tell the story of Demeter and Persephone in **4-5 sentences**.
There are a few subplots in this story. Focus on the **main, overarching story**, and remember to consider the basic parts of the plotline in your summary. Simply stringing together numerous sentences with commas or semicolons will result in deductions. Keep the summary brief.
2. What does the story of Demeter and Persephone teach the ancient Greeks about the workings of the universe and the importance of hospitality? Explain briefly.
For this question, you may want to consider some of the subplots to inform part of your answer.
3. In what ways do the powers and ideas associated with Dionysus contradict each other? Also, how are these contradictions appropriate for the god of wine? Explain briefly.
4. Briefly describe Dionysus' central position in the Greeks' belief in the soul's immortality. (Consider: what are two parts of his story that reveal power over death?)
For this question, consider the **two** different ways Dionysus is associated with life after death.