

CLEAR- Cahoots-Like Event at Rutgers

Common-Link Mythology

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1. In a Cherokee story, a man is transformed into one of these creatures after spending a year with another that his arrows were unable to harm. Joseph Campbell argued that the earliest recorded human worship of deities can be found in respect accorded to these creatures after their death. According to a Korean story, Hwanung transformed one of these creatures into a woman, Ungnyeo, by having her eat nothing but mugwort and garlic. In appeasement for the murder of one of these creatures in Brauron in Greece, unwed girls were required to imitate one of these animals for the amusement of Artemis. A daughter of Lykaon was transformed into one of these creatures after she suffered the advances of Zeus. FTP, name this animal, which Callisto was transformed into and placed in the sky.

ANSWER: Bear

2. In one widely reported Aboriginal myth, after this substance falls into a waterhole, Julunggal, accompanied by a storm, devours a woman who just gave birth and her younger sister, while a Japanese myth says that the kami Futsunushi and Takemikazuchi were born from some of this substance, which had belonged to Kagutsuchi. In *Kormaks Saga*, Thorvard, in order to be healed of the wounds he received from Kormak, is advised to place this substance on a hill belonging to elves, while in the *Skaldskaparmal*, Gjalp nearly drowns Thor in a river made to overflow by this substance. In the *Odyssey*, in order to speak with the dead, Odysseus uses this substance to give them voice. FTP, name this substance, which is best known as the food of choice of vampires.

ANSWER: Blood

3. In *The Epic of Dede Korkut*, a creature with this characteristic is only slain by his half-brother Basat, after Dede Korkut is forced to offer him 2 men and 500 sheep a day to feed his insatiable appetite. In addition to Tepegöz, another character with this characteristic had his heart cut out of his chest while he was still alive by Atli, after he conspired with his brother Gunnar to have Gutthorm kill their blood-brother. In addition to Sigurd's murderer, Hogni, this is a trait shared by Pempredo, Enyo, and Deino, three sisters born to Keto and Phorkys; this trait of those three sisters is exploited by Perseus, so that the Graiai will tell him how to find Medusa and to kill her. Another figure acquired this characteristic in order to attain wisdom from the Well of Mimir, according to Norse myth. FTP, identify this physical trait, which applies to both Odin and Polyphemus.

ANSWER: One-Eyed

4. According to Japanese legend, the Tsuchigumo were giant examples of these creatures who could transform into humans, and in a Chinese story, Sun Wu-King battled seven women who transformed into these creatures after his Master was incapacitated by a thousand-eyed demon posing as a Taoist monk. Among several Native American tribes, this creature was associated with trickster figures, including Iktomi of the Lakota, and this creature was also connected with the Sumerian goddess Uttu, whose principle domains were plants and weaving. One of the most famous stories involving one of these creatures saw the transformation of the daughter of Idmon of Colophon by Athena into one. FTP, name this small animal, most famously associated with Arachne.

ANSWER: Spider

5. According to a Kiowa story, this object was formed at the same time as Devils Tower and resulted from an attack by giant bears, while in the *Popol Vuh*, it was created when Zipacna destroyed the house of several youths who thought they had crushed him. One Aboriginal tale credits this object as the source of all frost, while another has its creation as a reward for girls who endured painful tests to prove their worth. Among the Norse, it consisted of the hens owned by Freya, though most accounts suggest that this object is made up of seven maidens. Including the stars Alcyone and Maia, this is, FTP, what asterism, Messier object 45, which in Greek myth was created out of Seven Sisters, followers of Artemis and daughters of Atlas, who were accosted by Orion?

ANSWER: Pleiades [accept "Seven Sisters" and "M45" before they are said]

6. In a Melanesian myth, the god Qat used this action to enliven the first humans that he carved from some wood. In the *Prose Lancelot*, Guinebal casts a spell which causes every knight who comes upon the group performing this action to join them, until Lancelot himself arrives and breaks the enchantment, although those freed have lost their minds and memories. In the *Popol Vuh*, Hunahpu and Xbalanque perform this action as they first kill and resurrect one another, and then as they kill Hun-Came and Vucub-Came. According to the *Vamana Purana*, the sight of plant sap oozing from a wound in his hand caused Mankanaka to perform this action, which was so full of energy that it drew Shiva, who is regarded as the "Lord of" this action. In order to draw Amaterasu from her cave, Ama no Uzume provocatively performs, FTP, what action, also associated with the Muse Terpsichore?

ANSWER: Dancing [accept "Drumming" or similar answers before "Prose Lancelot"]

7. According to an Aboriginal myth, this substance was accidentally left behind by Kambi and Jitabidi, while another relates how Waung tricked Karakarook into hitting snakes, and thus losing this substance. In a Cherokee story, a silken basket was used by the Water Spider to fetch this substance for the first time, while a Finnish myth relates how this substance, having fled from the farm of Turi, was devoured by a fish in Lake Alue, before being recovered from the gut of a pike by Vainamoinen. According to one Chinese story, Suirensi discovered how to obtain this substance after an owl struck a certain gnarled tree. While in a more famous Norse myth, a competition set up by Utgard-Loki, Loki was defeated in an eating contest by Logi, who was really this substance under an illusion. FTP, name this substance, which in a Greek myth was first brought to man by means of a fennel stalk.

ANSWER: **Fire** [accept similar answers]

8. In Chretien de Troyes's *The Knight of the Cart*, Bademagu's daughter releases Launcelot from prison after he had performed this action for her, and this action is performed on a bachlach four times, including by Cuculhainn at a feast held by Bricriu. In the *Popol Vuh*, Opossum was forced to extend the length of the night after a bat performed this action on one of the Hero Twins. A number of sword, volcano, and rock kami were created when, after the death of Izanami, Izanagi performed this action on Kagutsuchi. In a Chinese myth, Xingtian continues his fight against the Tai Di despite having this action performed on him. Because only Hoenir gave them advice, the Vanir performed this action on Mimir, with the result that Odin acquired a new counselor. Only Gawain accepts the Green Knight's challenge to Arthur's knights to a contest performing, FTP, what action?

ANSWER: **Decapitation** [or **Beheading**; accept logical equivalents; prompt on "Execution" or "Kill" or like answers]

9. At Dind Rig, Cobtach was burnt alive in a house made of this material by his great-nephew, Labraid, who was avenging his father and grandfather. According to some Egyptian traditions, the floor of heaven, and thus the sky, consisted of a giant piece of this material, and in a story from the Kalevala, three varieties of this material are said to have come into existence from the red, white, and black milk squeezed from the breasts of three women. The latter myth is related after the Demon causes Väinämöinen's ax to strike its owner and is sung about to secure power over this metal of which the ax is made. FTP, name this metal, which, according to Hesiod, characterizes the fourth and final stage of human life, following the gold, silver, and bronze ages.

ANSWER: **Iron**

10. According to one tradition, one of these creatures protected the talking head of St. Edmund the Martyr until it was reunited with his undecaying body. In another story Malsum, the brother of Glooscap, was turned into one of these creatures after he attempted to kill Glooscap with an owl feather, while a Cherokee myth relates how Kanati hired a tribe of these beasts to kill his sons after they had killed their mother the Corn spirit. In one Greek myth, Athamas founded a namesake colony after he "received hospitality" from a group of these animals, while the hero Milo was murdered by a group of these creatures after a tree closed around his hands. For offering Zeus human sacrifice, Lykaon was transformed into one of these carnivorous animals, but, more famously, the children of Mundilfœri will be eaten at Ragnarok by, FTP, two of what kind of creature, Skoll and Hati, the offspring of Fenrir?

ANSWER: **Wolf**

11. In one Arapaho story, a tribe of these people, noted for their speed and shortness, were eradicated as a hunter pierced their hearts, which were hanging separate from their bodies in a tipi, while another attributes the extinction of those same dwarfs to their mistaken belief that trees were immune to fire. According to a Cherokee story, one of these people possessed skin made of stone, used his cane to sense prey, and was weakened only by the presence of menstruating women. In one Greek story, two of these people, the sons of Polyphonte, Oreios and Agrios were transformed into birds as punishment. In the *Odyssey*, much of Odysseus's fleet was lost at the hands of a group of these known as the Laistrygones, though more famously, Thyestes unwittingly became one of these after the murder of his children by Atreus. FTP, name these people, noted for their taste for other people.

ANSWER: **Cannibals** [accept similar answers; accept "**Cannibal Dwarves**" before Cherokee]

12. In a story told in the *Four Continuations*, Guigner helps Caradoc to remove a viper which is attached to his arm and is slowly draining his life by sitting in a vat of this substance to make herself more appealing to the snake. In a Sumerian myth, the Lord of Aratta sends a wizard to Eres who causes this substance to disappear so that he can claim the title of Inana's lover from Enmerkar. In the *Kalevala*, Kullervo causes wolves and bears to kill Ilmarinen's wife when the latter goes out at night to collect this substance. In several stories, Herakles was made immortal when Hermes contrived for him to get this substance from Hera, while on Crete, a she-goat named Amaltheia provided this substance for the infant Zeus. Making up the primordial ocean churned in Hindu myth, this is, FTP, what liquid, which also made up the four rivers which flowed from the udder of Audhumla, the primordial cow?

ANSWER: **Milk**

13. According to Samoan myth, Maniloa shook one of these objects, in order to capture humans to devour, while in a Japanese story, Benkei guarded one of these objects until he was defeated by Ushiwakamaru, who used only a flute and a fan. Launcelot was gravely injured by one of these made from a gigantic sword while trying to rescue Guinevere in one story, while a more famous Japanese myth relates that Izanagi and Izanami stood on one of these objects when they stirred the primordial waters with their jeweled spear. That object, known as the "Heavenly Floating" one of these structures, connects the heavens and Earth like a more famous example which has Himinbjorg at one end. FTP, what is this structure, the most famous of which is a rainbow watched by Heimdallr, Bifrost?

ANSWER: **Bridge**

14. Pa'ipa'i-a-honu, found in several Polynesian stories, was one of these creatures by day, who lived in a stream before wedding a princess and becoming a king. In a Mesopotamian myth, Ninurta, after failing to defeat Enki with a flood, dies when he falls into a pit dug by one of these creatures, while an Iroquois story relates how a woman falling from the sky is saved when mud is spread on one of these creatures by ducks, creating the world. In Greek myth, the first of these was created when the nymph Khelone was transformed for refusing to attend the wedding of Zeus and Hera and a giant one ate the travelers kicked over a cliff by Skiron.

Amrita and other things are produced when Mt. Mandara is placed on the backs of one of these creatures, Vishnu's second avatar, Kurma. FTP, name this reptile, whose shell was used by Hermes to produce the first lyre.

ANSWER: **Turtle** [or **Tortoise** or **Terrapin**]

15. The Athenians devoted a shrine to a hero named Ekhetlaos, who supposedly used one of these objects to slay several Persians, following the Battle of Marathon, while according to a Sotho-Tswana ngaka this was the sacred emblem with which white men emerged from the primordial reed bed. The life of Bres was spared by Lugh after he agreed to teach the Tuatha de Danaan how to use this object, while Ilmarinen creates one of these objects of gold and silver to complete his first task to win the Maid of Pohjola. In a Greek story, Myrmex was turned into an ant after claiming to have invented this object, and, in another, Palamedes placed Telemachus in front of one to prove Odysseus's sanity. FTP, what is this tool, a wooden example of which was given to Triptolemus by Demeter for use in tilling soil?

ANSWER: **Plow**

16. According to a Tibetan myth, the horseherd Longam was killed by poison put on dog's fur for causing Drigung Tsenpo to lose this trait, which the latter lost when he cut a rope at Longam's request. Eating a special grass growing in Euboia gave Glaukos, which Adapa failed to acquire because of the deceitful descriptions of Ea caused him not to eat the food offered to him by Anu. Poseidon granted this trait to the king of Tagos, Pterelaos, for so long as he had a single golden hair in his head. According to the *Iliad*, the harpy Podarge mothered two horses with this trait, after she was impregnated by Zephyros. A series of bread loaves baked while a man is asleep are used to demonstrate the inability of that man to acquire this trait, since he is unable to even overcome the power of sleep. FTP, name this trait, which was given by the gods to a number of mortals through the eating of ambrosia or drinking of nectar.

ANSWER: **Immortality**

17. In an Icelandic saga, Asmund Berserks-Killer joins a hero with this trait named Egil to recover King Hertrygg's daughters. A late Parsi rivayat relates how Jamshid temporarily acquired this physical trait after recovering the body of Tahmurat from Ahriman, although it was healed by ox urine. Walter of Aquitaine acquires this trait in a battle with Gunther and Hagen in the Latin epic *Waltharius*. A battle with Sreng, leader of the Fir Bolg, causes a god to have this trait, the acquisition of which trait required Nuada to cede the kingship of the Tuatha De Danaan. Another hero gained this trait upon swearing to be part of a contingent of 300 youths who had vowed to kill Lars Porsenna, while a Norse god acquired this trait at the binding of Fenrir. FTP, what is trait shared by Mucius Scaevola and the god Tyr?

ANSWER: **One-Handed** [or **One-Armed**; accept logical equivalents]

18. According to some Eastern Algonquian traditions, Glooscap created the first men when he shot one of these plants with an arrow. In the Kalevala, Mielikki uses this plant and the juniper to create the first bear's teeth and claws. Phoroneus, the first Argive and, in some traditions, the discoverer of fire, was the son of a nymph associated with this plant, Melia. A group of nymphs associated with this plant, the Meliai, were born from the castration of Ouranos and were associated with violence, and especially spears, while according to Hesiod, the men of the Bronze Age, who were prone to war, were fashioned from these trees. According to Norse myth, the first humans, Embla and her husband Askr were created from, FTP, what type of tree, most famous as the Weltbaum Yggdrasil?

ANSWER: **Ash** Tree [do not accept "Yew"; prompt on "Tree" before it is mentioned]

19. According to a Talamacan tradition, this creature, which was born from the leaves of the World Tree, discovered fresh water for humans by digging holes for Sibu, while, in a Chinese myth, a group of these creatures acquired ten legs for helping Huangdi to dispose of mosquitoes and mice. Among the Moche, gods or monsters appearing in the guise of this creature are often depicted battling Wrinkled Face or fish-demons, while in Greece, these creatures, often called the "sons of Hephaistos", were sent by Zeus to prevent the mice from utterly destroying the frogs. In a Mayan myth, one of these creatures was made of wood for a ruse by Xbalanque and Hunahpu to murder of Zipacna. More famously, one of these creatures was dispatched by Hera to aid in the hydra's battle against Herakles, though when it was killed, it was immortalized as a constellation. FTP, name this animal, seen in the night sky as Cancer.

ANSWER: **Crab**

20. In a Hindu story, the sages Angiras, Marici, and Bhriгу were created when Brahma put this substance into a fire used for a sacrifice performed by Rudra. In an Aztec myth, the first bat was created when Quetzalcoatl dropped some of this substance in a rock crevice. Because Horus caught some of this substance in his hand, Isis cut off the hand and replaced it, before putting some of this substance belonging to Horus on some lettuce leaves, which are then fed to Set as part of the contest between the two gods. The Athenian king Erekhthonios was born when some of this substance belonging to Hephaistos struck the ground when he tried to rape Athena. FTP, name this substance, which in Sumerian myth, was the life-giving rain when it came from An.

ANSWER: **Semen**

Common-Link Myth 2

1. One of these creatures was aided by Okuninushi in restoring his skin after he was flayed for boasting of tricking the crocodiles. In a Menominee tale, the Medicine Society was created to dry the tears of one of these creatures, after the death of his brother, Nanapatao, who was killed due to the boasts of this creature, Ma'nabus, who is related to other Algonquian figures, like Nanabuzho. According to a Buddhist myth, this creature leapt into a fire so that the Buddha might have food, earning a place in the sky, while in Aztec traditions, 400 of these animals are the guardians of pulque and one thrown into the face of Tecciztecatl caused the moon to be dimmer than the sun. In a Chinese myth, Change, in the form of a toad, is accompanied by one of these animals, producing the elixir of immortality on the moon. FTP, name this animal, best known as the creature tricked by the tar-baby in the Uncle Remus tales.

ANSWER: **Rabbit** [or **Hare** or **Jackrabbit** or **Lagomorph**]

2. In a Chinese myth, this activity happens after two pieces of a millstone land together and is necessitated by the collapse of the sky onto the earth, killing most of the population, while, in a Cherokee myth, the craters on the moon were created when cinders were used to discover that he was engaging in this activity. In one tradition, Thyestes got revenge on Atreus thanks to one product of this activity with Pelopia, Aigisthos. In a Finnish tale, a long-lost sister of Kullervo jumps into a raging river after engaging in this activity, which itself causes Kullervo's suicide when he happens upon the spot. More famously, this activity was engaged in by several Greek and Egyptian deities, including Isis and Osiris. FTP, name this activity, most famously associated with the love between Jocasta and her son Oedipus.

ANSWER: **Incest** [or **Inbreeding**; prompt on "Sex" and similar answers]

3. According to a Japanese myth, arrows tipped with this substance were the only way that the archer Tawara Toda was able to kill a giant centipede plaguing the kingdom of Ryujin, while in a Chinese myth, Pangu created an ox out of clay and this substance to hold up the earth. In an Egyptian myth, Apep was created from some of this substance left behind by Neith floating in the primordial waters, while in another Egyptian myth, Isis used some of this substance belonging to Ra mixed with dirt to create a snake to bite Ra in order to learn the latter's true name. In a Mayan myth, some of this substance falling from the skull of Hun-Hunahpu onto the hand of Xquic caused the latter to become pregnant with the Hero Twins. The god Kvasir was born from the intermingling of, FTP, what substance, contributed by each of the Vanir and Æsir?

ANSWER: **Saliva** [or **Spittle**]

4. According to the poem *Diu Crone*, a glove, which served as a test of chastity and fidelity granted this trait to its wearer in proportion to their guiltlessness, while in *Culhwch and Olwen*, Cei is described as having this trait imbued to every burden he bears. The knight Garlon the Red, whom Balin slew, possessed this trait which allowed him to kill other knights by thrusting lances through their backs. In Chretien de Troyes's *The Knight with the Lion*, Lunette gives a ring which grants this trait to Yvain, who uses it to slay Calogrenant. A cap, which granted the wearer this trait and which was owned by Hades, was used by Perseus in his efforts to collect the head of Medusa. In the *Nibelungenlied*, a cape granting the wearer this trait was used by Siegfried to defeat Brunhilde for Gunther. FTP, name this trait, which allowed Athena to help Diomedes stab Ares unseen.

ANSWER: **Invisibility**

5. A Maori story tells how Maui took 19 of these objects from Mahuika, which were really her disguised children, in order to give fire to humans, but when he tried to take the 20<sup>th</sup>, Mahuika threw it on the ground and nearly burned the entire world. In some accounts, either Shiva or Rudra used one of these objects to cut off the fifth head of Brahma. In a Sumerian myth, Enki created two neuter deities to cure Ereshkigal using mud found beneath these objects. In Japanese legends, the kitsune-tsuki demons can enter a person's body through the breast or these objects; in another Japanese myth, along with his beard and hair, these objects were removed from Susano'o when he was exiled from heaven. At Ragnarok, Loki will steer a ship filled with the enemies of the gods made of these objects. FTP, name these objects, which make up the ship Naglfar in Norse myth.

ANSWER: **Nails** [or **Ungues**; accept "**Fingernails**" or "**Toenails**"]

6. In a Chinese myth, Gun's corpse performed this action, after Gun was executed by Zhurong at Yushan. The geographer Hekataios relates a myth in which viticulture was the result of a god performing this action and Orestheus planting the resulting vine-stem. The kurgarra and galaturra were neuter gods created by Enki to stop Ereshkigal from painfully performing this action after she had trapped Inanna in the underworld. Shu was forced to separate Geb from his sister so that Nut could perform this action, which Maui tried to reverse in order to achieve immortality, before he was crushed to death inside of Hine-nui-te-po. FTP, name this action, performed twice by Zeus, producing Dionysos from his thigh and Athena from his head.

ANSWER: **Giving Birth**

7. According to a Mopan story, this substance was first recovered from beneath a rock by Yaluk, the oldest of the four Mams, after he destroyed the rock with the help of a woodpecker who found its weakest spot. In an Incan myth, Tamta Namca became very ill after his wife gave some of this substance, which had been in her vagina, to another man, thus committing adultery; in another Incan story, Pachacamac first created this substance by planting the teeth of his half-brother. According to a Cherokee myth, man

was first able to grow this substance when two brothers killed their mother Selu and dragged her corpse across the ground seven times. In an Aztec myth, Quetzalcoatl in the form of a black ant was the first to acquire this foodstuff from a small crack in a rock. Itzamna created humans by mixing tapir and serpent blood with the yellow and white meal of, FTP, what grain?

ANSWER: **Corn** [or **Maize**]

8. According to an Armenian tale, one of these creatures was retrieved from a sorceress in order to make a king's church perfect and to stop the tempests which prevented his worship there. In a Russian epic, after lifting the siege of Chernigov, a monster, which shares its name with this animal and which has the ability to kill all around it and cause trees to fall with its shriek, is defeated by Ilya Muromets. According to one Greek story, the accidental murderer of Itylos was transformed into one of these animals, while another account turns into one of these animals another woman who, as a revenge against Tereus, murdered her own son, Itys, explaining this birds call. Prokne and sometimes Philomela lament in the form of, FTP, what bird noted for its nocturnal singing?

ANSWER: **Nightingale**

9. In a Yuma myth, Kokomaht performs this action on Bakotahl when the latter rises from the primordial waters. In a Hittite tale, Illuyanka performs this action to Zaskhapuna, but it is reversed when the latter's son weds Illuyanka's daughter. According to Diodorus, a nymph performs this action on the shepherd Daphnis, because the latter was drunkenly seduced by a princess. Because of his failure to keep his promise to protect Polydoros as he had promised, Hecuba performs this action on Polymestor while the captive Trojan women murder his sons. In the *Argonautica*, Phineus performed this action on his own sons and it was subsequently performed on him by the gods for revealing the future. FTP, identify this action, which Oedipus performs on himself after discovering that he has slept with his own mother.

ANSWER: **Blinding** [accept logical equivalents]

10. In a Maori myth, Ataranga threw the prematurely born fetus of Maui into the ocean wrapped in entirely in this substance, before he was rescued by jellyfish. Okuninushi used this substance to bind Susano'o when he tried to escape the underworld with Susano'o's bow and arrows and daughter, Suseri-hime. Among the Inuit, the angakoq must work and clean this substance for Sedna, who lacks the ability to do so herself because of her lack of fingers, in order to bring seal back to his people. In an Aztec myth, when Quetzalcoatl and Tezcatlipoca killed Atlalteutli to create the earth, this substance became the plants. In a Norse myth, Loki had the dwarves replace this substance on Sif's head with gold. FTP, name this substance, which also became the trees and plants when Odin and his brothers made the world from Ymir's body.

ANSWER: **Hair**

11. According to a story related by the angelic White Knight, one of these objects was made for King Evelake on his conversion to Christianity, and he used it to heal the dismembered hand of one of his knights. When King Bagdemagus took one of these objects from a monastery during his quest for the Grail, he was nearly killed by the White Knight, for being unworthy of it. One of these objects owned by Kapaneus bore the inscription "Preso Polin" or "I Will Burn the City", and, according to Ovid, Akhilleus kneeled on one of these objects on top of Kyknos in order to break his ribs, before strangling him with his helmet strap. A cross painted from the blood of Joseph of Arimathea appeared on one these objects owned by Galahad. Two cities and all of the constellations are among the many things depicted on, FTP, what piece of armor constructed by Hephaistos for Akhilleus after the death of Patroklos?

ANSWER: **Shield**

12. Ingialldus performs this action in order to unite the entire Danish kingdom under his rule in the Latin epitome of the lost *Skjöldunga Saga*, though the *Saga of Hrolf Kraki* makes Frothi commit this action instead. In *Beowulf*, the title hero describes Hæþcyn as performing this action during a hunting expedition after missing his original target, and earlier, during a flyting, Beowulf charges Unferth with this action. In Arthurian legend, the similarly named knights Balin and Balan each perform this action during a contest over a bridge. In one Greek myth, Laios's attempted seduction of Khryssippos is sometimes cited as the reason for Atreus and Thyestes to perform this action, while in another Greek myth, a discus was used by either Peleus or Telamon to perform this action on Phokos. In an effort to slow down the pursuit of her father's ships, Medeia performed this action, to ensure her and Jason's escape from Kholkis. Loki provided the aim and a mistletoe dart for an attack by the blind Hoder which resulted in this action. FTP, identify this action, examples of which include Romulus killing Remus.

ANSWER: **Fratricide** [accept "**Killing a Brother**" or similar answers; prompt on "Murder" or similar answers; accept "Killing Halfdan" before "Hæþcyn"]

13. According to the San, their people first appeared when one of these creatures brought a mantis to a floating lily before there was land. In a Finnish story, one of these creatures is created when the daughter of Osmo squeezed a pea plant between her hands and thighs and it brings her the third ingredient needed to ferment beer. A Hittite story sees one of these creatures dispatched by Hannahanna or Nintu to find the missing Telepinu after the eagle fails to find him. Initiates of the rites of Demeter Thesmophoros were named for this animal, as were priestesses of Artemis of Ephesus. The method by which these creatures can be brought to life from the carcasses of oxen, bougonia, is explained by Proteus. The subject of Vergil's fourth book of *Georgics*, FTP, name these insects, the keeping of which was invented by Aristaeus.

ANSWER: **Bee**

14. In *Culhwch and Olwen*, Arthur mounts an expedition to Ireland to take one of these objects from Diwrnach; in the *Mabinogi*, one of these objects called the Pair Dadeni is given as a peace offering by Bran to Mallolwch, though it was destroyed by Evnissyen. Both of those objects had the ability to restore life to the dead. In the *Hymiskviða*, Thor must break a cup against the head of Hymir to be able to take one of these objects from the giant, which is used to brew beer at Ægir's when he succeeds. Medeia used one of these objects to rejuvenate an old ram that she had dismembered in an effort to trick the Peliades into killing their father, Pelias. FTP, name these objects, one of which owned by the Dagda can hold enough food to feed any company of men.

ANSWER: **Cauldron** [or **Pot** or **Kettle**; accept logical equivalents]

15. In a Russian story, Danilo the Luckless weds a woman who takes the form of this creature, after she aids him in doing impossible tasks. Like the Norns, two of these creatures could be found at the Well of Urd, where they acquired a mystical white complexion from the pure well waters. Midhir transformed himself and Etain into two of these creatures in order to escape the king of Ireland, Eochu. According to the Greeks, these creatures could foresee the moment of their own deaths, choosing then to sing their best song, and these birds sang seven times while circling Delos at the birth of Apollo, thus becoming his sacred birds. Hamsa was one of these creatures and serves as the mount of Brahma. Zeus impregnated Leda in the guise of, FTP, what aquatic bird?

ANSWER: **Swan**

16. In a Nez Perce tale, a young man uses pieces of this material tied to his legs to prevent his eldest brother-turned-cannibal from capturing him with an intestine rope, while, in the *Book of the Dead*, the purification of the deceased includes taking a scepter made from this substance from the "furrow of Ma'at". Some myths say that Hermes turned Battos into this substance when the latter told Apollo about his stolen cattle, and a Chinese myth relates that this substance was given by a princess in the sun to a man seeking fire, but its use was not explained. Apophos's head was often said to be made of this hard substance, and Isis took the form of a headless statue made from this type of stone after Horus beheaded her. The sickle used by Kronos to castrate Ouranos was often said to have been made by Gaia from, FTP, what type of mineral, often associated with Stone Age tools.

ANSWER: **Flint** [or **Flintstone**; prompt on "Stone" or similar answers]

17. According to an Ainu tradition, a god who took the form of this creature, Chilap Kamui, was forced to give his sister to Ae-oina Kamui after the latter defeated him. A Cherokee story explains how several of these creatures were made nearly blind when attempting to first acquire fire, while an Alabama story credits the smallness of that tribe to the fright they received from one of the creatures upon first emerging from the ground. In one Greek story, Byblis, lamenting the absence of her brother Kaunos, was transformed into a spring or one of these animals, while another myth relates that the waters of the Phlegethon were used to transform Ascalaphos into one of these animals, after he reported on Persephone's dining. In a Welsh story, for having an affair with Gronwy Pevr, Blodeued was turned into one of these birds. Often associated with Athena, this is, FTP, what bird of prey, often a symbol of wisdom or death?

ANSWER: **Owl**

18. One Crow story tells of this kind of buffalo providing medicine which cures bullet and arrow wounds after he is attacked by a warrior while flirting. Because she was married to one of these people, Vadhrimati prayed to the Asvins, who obliged her, fathering the son Hiranyahasta, while another story relates how one of these people, Shikhandi, helped Arjuna to slay Bhishma. According to some accounts, one of these creatures was created when Zeus attempted to rape Kybele and his semen spilled on a rock, Agdistis. In Halikarnassos, Salmakis, in her namesake spring, joined herself with the son of two namesake gods, creating the most famous mythic example of, FTP, what kind of person, possessing both male and female characteristics?

ANSWER: **Hermaphrodite** [or **Intersexual**; accept word forms or "Androgynous"]

19. After propping up one of these plants, the Knidian Rhoikos became the lover of a nymph with a bee as a go-between, until he was blinded for refusing to come to her. According to a traditional Arkadian myth, Pelasgos was the first to teach the Arkadians to eat from this plant; Melampous's discovery of a knife in one of these plants allowed him to cure Phylakos's son Iphiklos. In a Finnish myth, Sampsa Pellervoinen plants one of these plants, the "iso tammi", which grew so large that it blocked the passage of the clouds and blotted out the sun, until a tiny figure came from the sea and destroyed it. In the *Argonautika*, one of these plants holds the Golden Fleece in Kolchis. Ovid relates a story in which, when a loving elderly couple dies, Philemon is transformed into one of these trees, standing next to her husband Baucis in the form of a linden tree. Athena included talking wood from one of these trees sacred to Zeus at Dodona in the Argo. FTP, name this kind of tree, associated with hamadryads and also sacred to Thor.

ANSWER: **Oak** Tree [prompt on "Tree" before it is said]

20. Among the Ainu, a woman who is descended from one of these creatures has long breasts and white pubic hair, while, while according to a Juruna myth, an adulterous wife and her lover are turned into two of these creatures. More popular traditions along the Amazon hold that menstruating women must keep some garlic to protect from the unwanted sexual advances of these creatures, and the Hindu god Kama is sometimes depicted riding Makara, which may be one of these creatures, or a crocodile. In one Greek story, Apollo assumes the form of one of these creatures when acquiring Cretan priests for one of his temples, and other Greek tales relate how these creatures saved the poet Arion and brought the body of Melikertes to Sisyphos. A group of pirates who dared to kidnap Dionysos were transformed into, FTP, what marine mammals, which also lend their name to the most famous oracle in Greece?

ANSWER: **Dolphin**