

Round 8

1. According to one late tradition, he married a daughter of Minyas named Clymene that bore him Arcesilaus, the father of Laertes. He was awarded the island of Samos during the war against the Teleboans, which was renamed for him. Apollodorus describes how this man was actually a son of Herse and Hermes who fathered Tithonos when he was (*) kidnapped by Eos. This man's wife was bribed with a golden crown to have sex with Pteleon. Afterwards, she fled to the court of King Minos. When his wife sang a hymn invoking Nephele, he used a weapon he had received from her to impale her, that weapon was a spear that never missed. For 10 points, name this consort of Procris.

ANSWER: Cephalus

2. In *The Book of the Heavenly Cow*, this god pours an alcoholic substance that floods the "four meadows of paradise" and orders Hathor to destroy evil humans. He is sometimes depicted as being merged with Horus of the Double Horizon, during which he is conflated with Horakhty. In a text named after him, this god is bitten by a snake that was created when his daughter used his saliva to create it - that text sees (*) Isis try to learn this god's true name. This god constantly does battle with the primordial dragon Apophis during the tenth hour of the night, only to emerge victorious every day. Hathor is often said to be the eye of this figure. For 10 points, name this god of the sun who was conflated with Atum.

ANSWER: Ra

3. For a while, this woman promised to serve a king of Matsya as long as she didn't have to feed on the scraps of others or wash feet. One of this woman's brothers is a reincarnation of Amba. At that time, she was served by five Gandharvas. That situation was fine until she caught the eye of a Kichaka, a man who was rolled up into a ball of flesh and bones. In another story, this woman claimed she would wear her hair disheveled until her hair was dipped into the blood of one who insulted her. She was born from a (*) sacrificial flame made by her similarly named father, a king of the Panchala Kingdom. Every year this woman was reborn a virgin, as she had to continuously be shared with the sons of Kunti. For 10 points, name this wife to all of the Pandavas.

ANSWER: Draupadi

4. One woman born in this country drinks from the river of hate while a knight from Italy drinks from the river of love. Warlocks from this country are able to summon demons, which a brother-sister pair do in order to chain a magician under the ocean. During a siege of this country's capital, its king recognizes the horse Rabican that he gave to his son. A prince and princess from this country are guarded over by four giants that are put to sleep by Malagigi. This country is ruled over by King Galafron out of its capital of Albraca. It is the birthplace of the knight Argalia, who brings his sister (*) Angelica along to demoralize Charlemagne's knights. For 10 points, name this country central to *Orlando Inamorato*, the archaic name for China and sometimes India.

ANSWER: **Cathay** [prompt on **India**, prompt on **China**]

5. One of her children is depicted in a sculpture while she is dying in the Gardens of Sallust. Ovid claims this woman was adorned with a robe of Phrygian gold and first appears after Manto demands that women worship a certain figure. Parthenius of Nicaea bizarrely records that this wife of Alottus was a daughter of Assaon who attended a banquet with her children, before the palace where the banquet took place caught fire. As a result of this daughter of Tantalus and Dione's actions, her husband (*) Amphion was arrowed to death. She was petrified and still weeps to this day from Mount Sipylus. For 10 points, name this woman who bragged about her children to Apollo and Diana.

ANSWER: **Niobe**

6. In one appearance, she combs Galatea's hair after Acis has been smashed. This daughter of Ceteis is purified nine times by Tethys's and Oceanus's singing, which causes her to realize she has a bronze-green beard. The sounds this woman makes are beautiful, since they sound like the noises of a little puppy. In a work by (*) Apollonius Rhodius, Hera orders Thetis to make sure the protagonists are kept safe from this Ausonian daughter of Hecate. Due to the daughter of Helios's jealousy, she is transformed into another form, where she has six dog heads on her waist. She lies in a cave nearby the Strait of Messina and devours six of Odysseus's men. For 10 points, name this alternative to Charybdis.

ANSWER: **Scylla**

7. This man rescues a pig and christens it Hychdwn after he transformed it into a human. He had earlier turned Hyddwn into a man when it was a stag and Bleiddwn into a person after it was a wolf. In his last appearance, he nurses a man disguised as an eagle back to health, before that man takes revenge on Blodeuwedd and Gronw Pebr. This man used a magical spell to turn the rapists of his future wife into (*) three animals for three years. After the punishment of Gilfaethwy and Gwydion, this man married Goewin and sought out another virgin so he could rest his feet on her lap. For 10 points, name this son of Mathonwy who is the namesake of the last branch of *The Mabinogion*.

ANSWER: **Math** fab Mathonwy

8. At the end of one text, this god is offered a silver star as part of his role as “lord of consecration.” This god was known as the “lord of corpses” or *bel pagre* in Mari and Ugarit. Although he is not Nergal, this figure was the recipient of the *pagra’um* sacrifice. Babylonian sources conflate him with Kumarbi, since he was held to be the husband of Salas. This god was worshipped extensively at Ebla, and Hammurabi and Ashurnasirpal II claimed descent from this god. (*) First Samuel provides the popular conception that this god had a human upper half, and a fishy lower half. For 10 points, name this Semitic fertility god who, in later times, became conflated with the father of Ba’al.

ANSWER: **Dagan** or **Dagon**

9. The Homeric Hymn to this figure gives evidence for extensive cult centers at Helikon and Aigae devoted to him. This figure disguised himself as Calchas to give a morale-boosting speech to the two Aiantes during the Trojan War. He was the one who killed Locrian Ajax when he shattered a rock he was residing on. This god fathered two children after disguising himself as (*) Enipeus, in order to make love to Tyro. This figure gave Balius and Xanthus to Peleus as a wedding gift. With the naiad Thoosa, he fathered Polyphemus, whose death led this god to become enraged at Odysseus for many years. For 10 points, name this husband of Amphitrite, the god of the sea.

ANSWER: **Poseidon**

10. In one massacre this man killed the following people: Alastor, Alastor's nine brothers, and their father. He was then scratched in the face by the survivor Periclymenus when he turned into a hawk. In another massacre this man killed the following people: a pair of brothers who were born from a silver egg that Molione produced named Eurytos and Kteatos, (*) Phyleus's brothers, and Phyleus's father. Subsequently, this man established the Olympian games. This man had massacred the aforementioned kingdom of Pylos, ruled by Neleus, as well as the kingdom of Elis, ruled by a man who owned some dirty stables, Augeas. For 10 points, name this son of Zeus and Alcmene.

ANSWER: Heracles

11. One hero who tries to visit this figure is given a wheel by a youth which helps him cross the "Plain of ill-luck" before he is told to follow an apple running across the field. One figure learned the following martial arts from this figure: apple-feat, thunder-feat, blade-feat, wheat-feat, breath-feat and the boi of swiftness. This child of Ard-Greimne has a daughter that is courted by Cochar Cruifne, but a hero arrives to kill him. That hero sought to replace (*) Domoll with this figure, and assists in slaying this woman's enemy, Aife. This woman is the mother of Uathac, and she gave her name to the isle of Skye. For 10 points, identify this powerful warrior woman who gave Cuchulain the Gae Bulg.

ANSWER: Scathach

12. Homer describes how this figure ate his heart out during his last days. This man's son Isandros was killed by Ares out of spite for him. When he first travels to Lykia, he feasts for nine days, and nine heifers are sacrificed in his honor. Shortly afterwards, this man slew the Solymoi tribe and warred against the (*) Amazons as part of a series of impossible tasks. This man's daughter Laodameia had sex with Zeus to father Sarpedon. He fell in love with Sthenoboea, which caused her husband Proitos to send him to Iobates for him to be killed. He met his end when a gadfly stung his mount and he fell to earth. For 10 points, identify this tamer of Pegasus.

ANSWER: Bellerophontes

13. One of this god's children became immortalized as "the white goddess" Leucothea. Hyginus describes how he was turned into a serpent in Illyria, a fate which also befell his wife as well. He is one of two title figures in a novel by Roberto Calasso. This son of Telephassa had his own wedding in a namesake structure, where all the gods were in attendance. He was condemned for an "eternal year" to serve (*) Ares. This man killed a serpent at the Castalian Spring and ploughed dragon's teeth to create the *spartoi*. This son of Agenor abandoned his search for Europa when he was told to follow a cow and found a city where it became exhausted. For 10 points, name this founder of Thebes.

ANSWER: Cadmus

14. One part of this location features a road made entirely out of pure black stones that says "take me, I'm the God's road!" One messenger from this location vomits a snake that vomits a toad that vomits a louse that actually delivers the message. One of the inhabitants of this place congeals tree sap to fashion artificial blood for his daughter. At this location, a skull is planted that grows into a (*) calabash tree that no one is allowed to touch. Its residents often killed people using a white knife. It is also home to a river of blood, a river of pus and a river of scorpions, and it is ruled by One Death and Seven Death, or Hun-Came and Vucub-Came. For 10 points, name this Mayan underworld.

ANSWER: Xibalba

15. A group of hills named after this figure contains a dark cave where the blue-faced witch that eats children called Black Annis resides. This deity also gives its name to a pair of breast-shaped hills that have cairns over that look like nipples in Munster. This Celtic goddess shares her name with the mother of Vritra. In *The Mabinogion*, this woman's Welsh analogue is the mother of Gilfaethwy. In later times, this goddess came to be identified with Bridgit. For 10 points, name this old Irish goddess about whom almost nothing is known, who gives her name to the clan (*) Tuatha de Danaan, as well as a river that flows through Vienna.

ANSWER: Danu [accept Donand, Anu, Dana and before mention Danaan]

16. Immediately before a wedding, this figure is told about magic bear spit and pine cones retrieved by a magic squirrel, which are useful in making beer. In another story, this figure summons up a black witch from the underworld in order to spread that witch's eight offspring to mankind. This woman is the mother of a giant made of frost that nearly stops a hero's boat, until that giant (*) Pakkanen is pacified. This woman also keeps one of her most prized possessions behind nine locks in a copper mountain. At the end of the work she appears in, she releases the sun and the moon. Earlier, she convinced Ilmarinen to make the Sampo in exchange for her daughter. For 10 points, name this mother of the maid of Pohjola, a figure in *The Kalevala* who is at times gracious, other times antagonistic.

ANSWER: Louhi

17. One of these figures requests to Thor that he catch a man that had magical shoes that could run across the sky and the sea - that one of these figures is told he doesn't own a neck, only a head. Subsequently, that one of them uses a thong to cover the mouth of his rival. In addition to one that was the brother of (*) Eitri, a catalogue of them is given in the tenth through sixteenth stanzas of the *Voluspa*, beginning with Motsognir, the mightiest of them. Their realm is at Nidavellir, and they are descendants of Blainn and Brimir. They include Sindri, the ones who hold up the cardinal directions and Brokk, who made Gullinbursti, Draupnir and Mjollnir. For 10 points, name these master craftsmen.

ANSWER: dwarves [accept light dwarves or black dwarves]

18. Heroes who died in this city include Volucranes and Roddrus. One story says that a man left this city to go to the northern part of the world to marry Sibyl. *The Prose Edda* maintains that this city was ruled by one high king and that it is the center of twelve kingdoms each of which speaks a different language. According to Snorri, the people of Asia who are known as the Aesir distorted the facts about this city so that the rest of the world would believe they were gods. In fact, immediately after the discussion of the death of Kvasir in the *Skaldskaparmal* is Snorri's attempt to (*) euhemerize all of Norse mythology to a conflict within this city. For 10 points, name this Turkish city that gives its name to a war featuring Sarpedon, Ajax the Lesser and Achilles as fighters.

ANSWER: Troy

19. Ovid tells the story of how these creatures were willed into existence after a dragon sent by Hera burns a bunch of men. One of these figures is Alcimedon, the son of Laerces. They also include Maemalus, the son of Peisander, as well as Eudorus. They include Menestheus, whose father Sphercheius fathered him on Polydora. The namesake of this group was a son of Zeus and Eurymedusa who married Pesidice and fathered Actor and Antiphus. These figures came into existence on (*) Aegina after Aeacus prays to Zeus that his land be populated with men. Aeacus passed them down to Peleus, who then past them down to his son. For 10 points, name these loyal ant-warriors employed by Achilles.

ANSWER: Myrmidons

20. Varro states he was honored with a *flamen* named after him and had his namesake festival celebrated on August 23rd. One story tells of how he was an Etruscan king that taught mankind the arts of agriculture. Modern scholarship disputes that notion however, and claims this purely Roman god took his name from his ability to overturn rivers. When he appears in *The Metamorphoses*, he tells the cautionary tale of Ianthe and Iphis, the latter of whom is the son of Telethusa and Ligdus, in order to seduce a (*) hamadryad in her own orchard. He is the god of the ever-changing seasons. Both Giuseppe Arcimboldo and Jacopo Pontormo have depicted, for 10 points, what god, often paired with Pomona?

ANSWER: Vertumnus

21. In *The Iliad*, the birth of this man causes Zeus to throw Atë off of Mount Olymputs. This man was Melanion's brother-in-law since he married his sister Antimache. After he died, his head was chopped off and his eyes were gouged out with needles. Hera facilitated the birth of this son of Alcippe, since he was a descendant of Perseus. He was served by his herald (*) Copreus, and his daughter Admete requested a girdle to be given to her by this ruler of Tiryns. He reneged on a certain hero's agreement when that hero received help from Iolaus to help him defeat the hydra. For 10 points, name this king that issued Heracles the twelve labors.

ANSWER: Eurystheus

22. This figure cites the Norns' decree to claim that his killer will drown in water if he rows in the wind. He claims that the norns descended from different races, and that many will die at the mysterious island of Oskopnir. His opponent refuses to tell this figure his name, due to the belief that the words of a dying man have great power if he knows the name of his killer. This figure owns the following objects: a golden byrnie, the sword (*) Hrotti, a helm of terror, and two chests full of gold that used to belong to Andvari. That treasure changed hands after Regin cut out this figure's heart. For 10 points, name this dwarf turned serpent who was slain by Sigurd.

ANSWER: Fafnir

23. This man's brothers include Ardea and Agrius, both of whom were born before him. The poem named after this figure was written by Eugamon of Cyrene, and one alternate ending to that poem sees him fathering of Italus, who founded Italy. In the first book of that work, this character's father receives a beautiful mixing bowl from Polyxenius and fathers Polypoites with Callidice after he becomes king of the Thesprotians. In the second book of that work, this character mistakes a certain island for Corcyra and kills his dad inadvertently with a staff that has a sting ray attached. Shortly afterwards, this man's half-brother marries Circe, and this man marries Penelope. For 15 points, identify this figure, the son of Circe and Odysseus.

ANSWER: Telegonus

24. This man appointed Celer as one to build his walls, and one source says his bizarre death coincides with his disappearance into a whirlwind. Ovid describes how he was whisked away into the heavens on a bloodstained chariot after the sky was made pitch black. At Juno's behest, his wife became Hora. Shortly after, he and she were flung into the stars. Before he married Hersilia, he was found by the couple (*) Faustulus and Acca Laurentia. Ennius notes that after his death he was worshipped as the god Quirinus. This man claimed to be a better augur when he saw six more birds than his brother. For 10 points, name this founder and namesake of Rome.

ANSWER: Romulus

25. In 1876, a debate within Shintoism between the monks at Ise and this god's monks centered on whether he should be made lord of the Underworld. This god's daughter Shitateru-hime married Ame-no-Wakahiko. Along with a god of luck, he was immortalized as the Buddhist Daikokuten. He was bitten in the cheek by the dwarf Sukuna-Bikona. He advised a white hare to steep his wounds in freshwater. Earlier, he was murdered by his eighty brothers before being revived by his mother. (*) While in the underworld, he slept in a room full of snakes, was given a scarf, slept in a room full of centipedes and wasps, and was assisted by a mouse that saved him from a burning field. For 10 points, name this predecessor of Emperor Ninigi who is closely associated with the province of Izumo.

ANSWER: **Okuninushi**