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Introduction to Mythology

Read pages 13-27 of Edith Hamilton's Mythology. Answer the questions listed below as you read.

1. When the stories of mythology were being shaped there was little distinction made between what? real and unreal
2. The myths as we have them are the creation of great poets. The first written record of Greece is what? Iliad
3. Greek mythology begins with what writer? Homer
4. What is or contains the oldest Greek literature? Iliad
5. What does the phrase "the Greek miracle" try to express?
New birth of the world with the awakening of Greece
6. How did the Greeks make their gods? in their own image
7. Looking at a Greek statue of a god, we perceive a new idea had come into the world. With its coming, what happened? the universe became rational (made sense)
8. The sculptor watched athletes and could imagine nothing as beautiful as those strong bodies. He made what statue? Apollo
9. What is the miracle of Greek mythology? A humanized world, men freed from fear of an omnipotent (all-powerful) unknown
10. What did the Greeks finally make out of the stars? astronomy
11. According to the most modern idea, a real myth has nothing to do with religion. It is an explanation of what? something in nature; how things came into existence
12. Myths are what? early science The tales are what? pure entertainment
13. What resulted when Justice became Zeus' companion? god of strong became protector of weak
14. Most of the stories of classical mythology depend chiefly on what Latin poet? Ovid
15. The list of the chief writers through whom the myths have come down is headed by what writer? Homer
16. Who was the greatest lyric poet of Greece? Pindar
17. The greatest writer of comedy was who? Aristophanes
18. What place does Herodotus have? first historian Plato? first philosopher
19. Of the Roman writers, who stands far ahead? Virgil
20. The Greeks did not believe that the gods created the universe. What did they believe?
that the universe created the gods
21. Who were the first parents? heaven and earth
22. Who were their children? Titans
23. What were the Titans often called? Elder Gods
24. Who was the most important Titan? Cronus
25. Who dethroned Cronus and seized power? Zeus (his son)
26. What guarded the entrance of Olympia? a gate of clouds held by the seasons
27. Which 12 gods made up the divine family? Use the back of this sheet to create a family tree.

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