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English 8: Phaethon Reading Guide

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PHAETHON (pages 65-76)

VOCABULARY WORD	DEFINITION	PART OF SPEECH
oath		noun
amber		noun

When Phaethon (the yellow-haired boy) beats Epaphus (the dark-haired boy) in a race along the cliff, Epaphus becomes angry. The boys end up arguing, basically saying, "My dad is better than your dad."

- _____ is the father of Epaphus and _____ is the father of Phaethon.
- Phaethon tells Epaphus that the sun is a golden _____ that he has been allowed to drive.
- Epaphus calls Phaethon a liar and wants proof. What will be Phaethon's signal to Epaphus that he is driving the chariot? _____

- Phaethon is saved from wolves by Apollo's sun _____ and a flying _____.
- Phaethon's sisters are called the _____.
- How does Apollo react when Phaethon asks to drive the chariot?
- Apollo warns Phaethon that the horses are as tall as _____, their breath is like _____, and they are stronger than the tides or the _____.
- What does Apollo mean when he says, "it is all I can do to hold them in check"?

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9. Apollo finally has to let him drive the chariot because he swore by the River _____, which is a sacred _____ of the gods.

10. Phaethon is told to "keep the _____ way."

11. If Phaethon goes too high with the chariot, he will _____ the earth.

12. If Phaethon goes too low with the chariot, he will _____ the earth.

13. Phaethon's ride is a disaster. He damages the earth by freezing it, melting it, flooding it and _____ it.

14. When Zeus sees the damage and the dead and the dying, he hurls a _____ at Phaethon.

15. Phaethon died after his flaming body fell like a _____.

16. To comfort Phaethon's crying sisters, Apollo turned them into poplar _____ that dripped _____ sap by the river.

17. What does this myth try to **EXPLAIN ABOUT NATURE**? _____

18. What **LESSON** does this myth try to teach about power in the wrong hands? _____

19. Was Phaethon a **demigod** or a **hero**? _____

20. Explain why you chose the above answer for #19: _____
