

Delaware Winter Invitational, 2010  
Mythology packet by Mark Pellegrini  
Tossups

1) **In Basque mythology, Sugaar is one of these creatures, as are Watatsumi and Ryūjin from Shinto mythology. Mizuchi is a hornless one that inhabits rivers.** Welsh king Lludd captured two of these creatures by trapping them in cauldrons filled with beer and buried them beneath Dinas Emrys, which is why a red one now appears on the flag of Wales. In Christian mythology, one of them plagued the village of Silene in Libya, until it was slain by Saint George. Capable of breathing fire, this is for ten points what mythological reptile?

ANSWER: **Dragon**

2) **The giant Vafthrudnir was able to answer all of Odin's questions except what Odin whispered into this mythological figure's ear. This husband of Nanna and father of Forseti is the Norse God of Happiness and was the most beloved of all Gods. He has a ship, Hringhorni, that is the largest of all ships. In a dream, he saw a vision of his own death, so his mother Frigg made almost every object on earth promise never to hurt him. Loki tricked Hodur into killing, for ten points, what brother of his using a spear made from mistletoe?**

ANSWER: **Baldur**

3) **In one story, this god asked the Eye Goddess 1,077 times to return home. His titles include "Twice Great" and "Lord of Maat," and his female counterpart is Seshat. In the afterlife, he helps judge souls, but he plays a more important role as the god of magic, writing, science, lunar cycles and of wisdom. Typically depicted with the head of an ape or an ibis, this is for ten points what Egyptian god who invented language?**

ANSWER: **Thoth**

4) **In Dante's Divine Comedy, these beings taunt people who have committed suicide, while in The Tempest, Ariel disguises herself as one to deliver a message to Prospero. Achilles' horses were descended from Zephyrus and one of these beings, who were sent by Zeus to torture Phineas. With the aid of the Boreads, the Argonauts fought them off. The sisters Aello, Ocypete, and Celaeno are for ten points, what bird-women from Greek mythology?**

ANSWER: **Harpies**

5) **Cú Chulainn ["Coo-choo lain"] demands one from Conchobar, and distracts Aife by telling her that hers has fallen off a cliff. In Greek mythology, it was invented by Erichthonius ["Erick-though-nee-us"] to conceal his dragon feet. In another story in Greek mythology, Phaeton ["Fay-tahn"] takes one of these belonging to his father and uses it to freeze and burn the earth, forcing Zeus to kill him with a thunderbolt. Nike often drove victors around in, for ten points, what horse-drawn vehicle of antiquity often used for battle and racing?**

ANSWER: **Chariot**

6) **In one story, she gives Enmerkar advice by sending him messages through Lugalbanda. Though married, she had over 120 lovers including Tammuz, but was still not satisfied. After Tammuz's death, she goes to the underworld, ruled by her sister Ereshkigal. The daughter of**

Ningal and Anu, she is often associated with the lion, and had cult centers at Uruk and Kish. The bull of heaven was sent to attack Enkidu and Gilgamesh by, for ten points, what Sumerian fertility goddess?

ANSWER: Ishtar

7) **This ten-year conflict was described in a lost epic of the same name by Thamyris. It began after Metis gave Zeus a concoction of mustard and wine, which he fed to his father, causing his father to vomit up Zeus's brothers and sisters.** At its conclusion, Atlas was punished by being forced to hold up the heavens, while most of his comrades were imprisoned in Tartarus. Fighting raged across Mount Othrys and Mount Olympus during, for ten points, what epic battle from early in Greek mythology, in which the Olympians defeated their rivals.

ANSWER: Titanomachy (Accept War of the Titans or Battle of the Titans or Clash of the Titans)

8) **At Dartmouth college, muralist Jose Clemente Orozco painted several murals depicting mythological figure. Human beings were created by mixing this figure's blood with his father's bones.** This patron of merchants, dawn, and knowledge is symbolized by the snake and eagle. During his reign, Topiltzin started using flowers and fruits to make sacrifices to this God instead of human beings. With white skin and a beard, this is for ten points what chief Aztec deity?

ANSWER: Quetzalcoatl

9) **In Southern India, these creatures are often carved into temples and palaces to ward off evil spirits. In the Philippines, they carry men off to the Mayon volcano to be offered as sacrifices to the volcano God Gev'ra.** This creature was known to the Greeks as the strangler, and one of them guarded the entrance to Thebes, asking travelers a riddle. A human-headed lion, this is for ten points what mythological creature whose statue guards the Pyramid of Khafre?

ANSWER: Sphinx

10) **Numerous sighting of this apocryphal figure were reported in Europe throughout the 17th and 18th centuries, the last of which was by an American Mormon in 1868. He has been given a variety of names, including Ahasuerus, Buttadeus, or Cartaphilus. He was the titular character of a Gustave Dore painting, a Rudyard Kipling short story, and a 1933 Maurice Elvey film.** He's also appeared in numerous other works, including *A Canticle For Leibowitz* and *One Hundred Years of Solitude*. For taunting Jesus on the way to Crucifixion, he was cursed to roam the earth until the second coming. This is, for ten points, what legendary semitic vagabond?

ANSWER: The Wandering Jew (prompt on Ahasuerus, Buttadeus, or Cartaphilus before mentioned in question)

11) **Aphrodite put Adonis in a chest and presented him to this goddess. Pirithous ["Peer-rith-ous"] decided to marry this goddess, and tried to rescue her with the help of his friend Theseus, but instead Pirithous ended up trapped forever.** This goddess's mother Demeter was so distraught over this goddess's kidnapping that Demeter neglected her duties for six months, causing winter. While kidnapped, she ate six pomegranate seeds, for which she forced to return

to Hades each year. This is for ten points what Greek goddess of Spring who married Hades and became Queen of the Underworld?

ANSWER: Persephone (prompt on Proserpina)

12) **Her brother threw a dead horse through the roof of her sewing room, killing her handmaidens. In protest, she locked herself in a cave, causing severe winter.** The other Gods managed to lure her out of the cave using a mirror. She was given a jeweled necklace and placed in charge of the High Celestial Plain by her father, from whose left eye she was born. Japanese emperors claim to be descended from this daughter of Izanagi who is, for ten points, what sun goddess from Shinto mythology?

ANSWER: Amaterasu

13) **An early poem by Robert de Boron describes this figure as the Antichrist, whose mother has him baptized, thus freeing him from Satan's control. This character is based on two historical figures, who were combined into a single composite character by Geoffrey of Monmouth.** He is killed by Niviane, the Lady of the Lake, who uses the magic he taught her to entomb him. The protagonist of *The Once and Future King*, where he ages backwards, and *The Sword in the Stone*, this is for ten points what friend and counselor to King Arthur, the court sorcerer?

ANSWER: Merlin

14) **In *On the Nature of Things*, Lucretius used different aging rates to posit that this race of beings does not exist. Members of this race could be harmed by blood from the Lernaean Hydra, which was used to kill Pholus and injure Chiron.** They attempted to kidnap Pirithous's wife Hippodamia during a wedding party, but Theseus helped the Lapiths fight them off. The offspring of Nephele, this is for ten points what race of half-men half-horses?

ANSWER: Centaurs

15) **This mythological character's mother Kunti used a boon granted by Durvasa to give birth to him and two of his brothers, Yudhishtira, the God of Righteousness, and Bhima, God of the wind.** He was referred to as Jishnu, the unbeatable one, due to his unparalleled skill with a bow. The third of the Pandava brothers, the sky god of Hindu mythology, this is for ten points what great Hindu warrior?

ANSWER: Arjuna

16) **This being is worshiped during a yasna, a daily ritual with offerings of fire and water. His name comes from Avestan, a now-dead Middle Eastern language whose sole surviving fragments are religious texts. His chief enemy is the evil destructive spirit Angra Mainyu, whom he prevails over through a final revelation brought about by his agent Saoshyant.** The chief deity of the first monotheistic religion, this is for ten points what sky god of Zoroastrianism?

ANSWER: Ahura Mazda

17) **In his first battle with Zeus, this monster cuts out Zeus's sinews and imprisons him in the Corycian Cave. Hermes and Pan rescue Zeus and replace his sinews, allowing him to**

**fight this monster once again. Zeus finally defeats this monster by** hurling the island of Sicily on top of him, trapping him below Mount Etna. The youngest son of Gaia and Tartarus, with his niece Echidna be fathered several offspring, including Orthrus and Cerberus. This is, for ten points, what most fearsome creature of Greek mythology?

ANSWER: Typhon

18) **This daughter of Bhrigu took shelter in the milky ocean when the Gods were sent into exile, and was reborn during the Churning of the Ocean. Every day she would offer one thousand lotus flowers to Shiva, until one night when she noticed the offering was two flowers short. She cut off one breast, but Shiva stopped her before she could cut off the other, and turned the severed breast into a bael fruit. She is the consort of Vishnu and, in her Sita form, the wife of Rama. Worshiped as the household goddess of most Hindu families, this is for ten points what Hindu goddess of beauty, grace, charm, and wealth?**

ANSWER: Lakshmi

19) **She was symbolized by a papyrus reed and a snake, and was incarnated in the form of a sycamore tree to give food and drink to people in the underworld. She took the form of Sekhmet to slaughter men, but was changed back after drinking beer mixed with pomegranate juice. In some legends, she is the daughter of Ra, and in others, she is his mother. Commonly depicted as a cow, this is for ten points what Egyptian goddess of music and fertility?**

ANSWER: Hathor (Accept Athyr; prompt on early buzz of Sekhmet)

20) **In Norse mythology, they are the source of the Gods' power, and are grown by Iounn. Hippomenes used several of these items to distract his future wife so that he could beat her in a foot race. Gaia presented Zeus and Hera with these as a wedding gift, and they were planted in a garden at the western edge of the world, guarded by the serpent Ladon. At the wedding of Peleus and Thetis, one of them marked "to the fairest" caused an argument between Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite, indirectly causing the Trojan War. Adam and Eve ate, for ten points, what fruit and gained knowledge of good and evil?**

ANSWER: Apple (Accept: golden apples)

21) **Every time this son of Poseidon touches the earth, a spring bubbles up. According to Hesiod, he was tasked with carrying Zeus's thunderbolts. This twin brother of Chrysaor is frequently featured in films, including *Fantasia*, the 1997 animated film *Hercules*, and as the titular character in a 2005 Barbie movie. His name is Greek for 'Strong', and after Perseus killed Medusa he was born from her blood. Captured by Bellerophon ["Bell-air-oh-fo"], this is for ten points what mythological winged horse?**

ANSWER: Pegasus

22) **Warning - two answers required. According to British tradition, they are the guardians of London, and images of them are celebrated every year during the Lord Mayor's Show. According to one account, they are descended from the wicked daughters of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who were set adrift at sea for murdering their husbands. In the Bible, one was a prince of Meshech and Tubal, and the other was the name of the land he ruled. Appearing in the books of Genesis, Ezekiel, and Revelation, these are for ten points what biblical**

giants who represent the nations deceived by Satan during Armageddon?

ANSWER: **Gog** and **Magog**

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Bonuses

1) Everyone knows that Santa Claus goes around on Christmas giving toys to kids. Boring!  
Name some of Santa's companions who go around punishing kids for ten points each.

[10] This goat-horned character from central Europe steals the toys of children who have been bad. His name is German for claw.

ANSWER: **Krampus**

[10] In France, this character gives bad children coal, and flogs the really bad ones.

ANSWER: Le **Père Fouettard** (Accept The **Whipping Father**)

[10] This dark-skinned man from Dutch folklore is the devil in disguise. He kidnaps bad children and takes them to Spain.

ANSWER: **Zwarte Piet** (Accept **Black Peter**)

2) Name these sons of Poseidon, for ten points each

[10] This herald of the sea, usually depicted with a conch shell, is the son of Poseidon and Amphitrite

ANSWER: **Triton**

[10] This Cyclopes, son of Poseidon and Thoosa was slain by a man who he first knew as Nobody.

ANSWER: **Polyphemus**

[10] Chione threw this child of hers by Poseidon into the ocean. Poseidon had the currents take the child to Ethiopia, where he was raised by Benthesisikyme ["Ben-thes-ick-eye-me"].

ANSWER: **Eumolpus**

3) Name these beasts from Norse mythology, for ten points each

[10] On a fishing trip with Hymir, Thor encounters this giant serpent whose poison will kill him at Ragnarok.

ANSWER: **Jormungandr** (accept **Jormundgand**, the **Midgard Serpent**, **Midgårdssormen**, or **World Serpent**)

[10] This dragon knaws at the roots of Yggdrasil, the world tree.

ANSWER: **Niohoggr** (Accept **Nidhog**)

[10] This squirrel runs up and down Yggdrasil, between Niohoggr and an eagle.

ANSWER: **Ratatoskr**

4) There are lots of interesting ways to get knocked up in pre-Colombian mythology. Name some of them for ten points each.

[10] This dwarf god from Chilote mythology can impregnate women with his stare.

ANSWER: **Trauco**

[10] This native American trickster god would occasionally float his penis down a river to impregnate bathing girls.

ANSWER: **Kokopelli**

[10] This Aztec god was conceived when his mother, Coatlicue, was impregnated by a ball of

feathers.

ANSWER: **Huitzilopochtli**

5) The Greeks really know how to punish someone. Name some people from Greek mythologies from the punishments inflicted on them, for ten points each.

[10] This Theban hero stumbled onto Artemis while she was bathing. Artemis turned him into a deer, and he was torn to shreds by his own dogs.

ANSWER: **Actaeon**

[10] He killed his son Pelops and served him as a meal to the other Gods. The Gods made him stand in a pool of water under a fruit tree, both of which would move away if he reached for them.

ANSWER: **Tantalus**

[10] This king killed his father-in-law, then later tried to rape Hera. He is bound to a wheel of fire for all eternity.

ANSWER: **Ixion**

6) Name these Gods and Goddesses of marriage from Greek mythology for ten points each

[10] This vengeful daughter of Rhea and Cronus is usually depicted holding a pomegranate, the symbol of fertility.

ANSWER: **Hera**

[10] Traditionally, the first sacrifice from every Greek household was to this other daughter of Cronus and Rhea

ANSWER: **Hestia**

[10] During a wedding ceremony, Greeks would call out for this son of Dionysus and Aphrodite, who was supposed to be present for all weddings.

ANSWER: **Hymenaios** (Accept: **Hymen**)

7) A number of characters have been created to personify the United States. Name some of them for ten points each

[10] The most familiar personification is this elderly man with a goatee who dresses in red, white, and blue. He wants you for the US Army.

ANSWER: **Uncle Sam**

[10] Prior to Uncle Sam, the United States was symbolized by this woman, whose name was coined by Samuel Johnson. She is often depicted wearing a blue and white shirt with stars.

ANSWER: **Columbia**

[10] Possibly the first character to personify the United States was this man, named for the governor of Connecticut during the Revolution. He is often depicted in a military coat and tri-cornered hat.

ANSWER: **Brother Jonathan**

8) Name some martyrs from Christian mythology for ten points each

[10] This thief was crucified alongside Jesus and repented his sins. He is the patron saint of condemned men and undertakers.

ANSWER: Saint **Dismas**

[10] She was denounced by her pagan fiance, and sentenced to be defiled in a brothel, but the

guards couldn't lift her. They tried burning her, but the fires kept going out. So they settled for gouging out her eyes and stabbing her, which is why she's the patron saint of blind people.

ANSWER: Saint **Lucy** (Accept Saint **Lucia**)

[10] Saul of Tarsus, who later became Saint Paul, whipped up the mob that stoned to death this first Christian martyr. Maybe that's why he's the patron saint of headaches.

ANSWER: Saint **Stephen**

9) Name the mythical places from a description for ten points each

[10] According to legend, King Arthur is buried on this mythical British island.

ANSWER: **Avalon**

[10] Spanish conquistadors searched extensively for this city whose name translates as "the gilded one."

ANSWER: **El Dorado**

[10] Described in the James Hilton novel Lost Horizon, this fictional valley is located at the Western end of the Himalayas.

ANSWER: **Shangri-La**

10) He's the son of Cumhall and his followers are known as the fianna. For ten points each

[10] Who is this warrior from Irish mythology?

ANSWER: **Finn McCool**

[10] While preparing this creature as a meal for the poet Finn Eces, McCool accidentally consumes part of it and gains all knowledge of the world.

ANSWER: **Salmon of Knowledge**

[10] According to legend, McCool built this basalt structure found in County Antrim.

ANSWER: **Giant's Causeway**

11) Name these mythological creatures for ten points each

[10] This being has body of a lion and the head and wings of an eagle

ANSWER: **Griffin**

[10] This creature has the head of a man, the body of a lion, the tail of a scorpion, and may or may not have wings.

ANSWER: **Manticore**

[10] These supernatural foxes from Japanese folklore may have up to nine tails, signifying their age and wisdom.

ANSWER: **Kitsune** ["Kit-soon-eh"]

12) Planting them in the ground would cause fully armed warriors to immediately grow and attack the planter. For ten points each

[10] What are these mythological objects?

ANSWER: **Dragon's teeth**

[10] On Athena's advice, this Phoenician prince sowed dragon's teeth. He survived by throwing a jewel into the center of the men, causing them to kill each other. He later founded the city of Thebes with the few survivors.

ANSWER: **Cadmus**

[10] This seeker of the Golden Fleece sowed dragon's teeth and survived with the aid of Medea.



ANSWER: **Jason**

13) It's the end of the world as we know it. Name some things about Ragnarok for ten points each

[10] Ragnarok begins when Loki frees this beast, which goes on to eat Odin.

ANSWER: **Fenrir Wolf** (Accept **Fenris Wolf**)

[10] This son of Odin steps in and kills the Fenrir wolf

ANSWER: **Vidar** (Accept **Vithar** or **Vioarr**)

[10] The human survivors of Ragnarok are this Norse equivalent of Adam and Eve, who survive the battle by hiding in Hodmimir's Forest. Name either of them.

ANSWER: **Lif** or **Lifthrasir**

14) Figures in this mythology include Akna, the goddess of fertility, Pinga, goddess of the hunt, and Pana, god of the underworld. For ten points each

[10] What mythology is this?

ANSWER: **Inuit** mythology

[10] This Inuit goddess of marine animals has a dwarf planet named for her.

ANSWER: **Sedna**

[10] This Inuit God, whose name means polar bear, was the master of bears. He shares his name with the titular character of the first documentary film ever made.

ANSWER: **Nanook** (The film was Nanook of the North)

15) Name some queens from Greek mythology for ten points each

[10] This Queen founds Carthage, and commits suicide when Aeneas leaves her.

ANSWER: **Dido**

[10] This queen of Ithaca spends ten years waiting for her husband to return.

ANSWER: **Penelope**

[10] This queen of the Amazons was given a magic girdle by Ares.

ANSWER: **Hippolyta**

16) Name some weapons from Norse mythology for ten points each

[10] Thor wielded this magic hammer.

ANSWER: **Mjolnir**

[10] Dvalin created this magic spear which would never miss.

ANSWER: **Gungnir**

[10] Sigurd used this sword, created by Wayland, to slay Fafnir.

ANSWER: **Gram** (accept **Balmung** and **Nothung**)

17) Name some things about Lilith for ten points each

[10] The only mention of Lilith that occurs the Bible is in this book. In the King James version, it is placed between Ecclesiastes and Jeremiah.

ANSWER: Book of **Isaiah**

[10] According to the the King James Bible, after her expulsion from Eden, Lilith took the form of this kind of bird

ANSWER: Screech **Owl**

[10] In Hebrew tradition, an amulet bearing the names of three angels is placed around a young boy's neck in order to protect him from Lilith. Name any of those three angels.

ANSWER: **Senoy** or **Sansenoy** or **Semangelof**

18) Name some things about machinations in the House of Atreus for the stated number of points  
[10] For ten, Agamemnon sacrificed this adopted daughter in order to assure that there would be good winds with which to sail to Troy.

ANSWER: **Iphigenia**

[10] For ten, this wife of Agamemnon later killed him to revenge Iphigenia's death.

ANSWER: **Clytemnestra**

[5,5] Clytemnestra and her new husband Aegisthus were in turn murdered by these two children. Name them for five points each.

ANSWER: **Elektra** and **Orestes**

19) Name some things about Aztec mythology for ten points each

[10] This Aztec god of rain and fertility is the father of Tecciztecatl ["tec-ciz-teh-cah-tel"] and brother of Huixtocihuatl

ANSWER: **Tlaloc**

[10] This dog-headed God of lightning and death is the brother of Quetzalcoatl.

ANSWER: **Xolotl**

[10] The country of Mexico is probably named for this Aztec god of the moon.

ANSWER: **Mextli**

20) Name some things about some siblings from Egyptian mythology on a 5-10-20-30 basis.

[A] This son of Geb was the god of storms and chaos.

ANSWER: **Set** (accept **Seth**)

[B] This brother of Set was the God of the afterlife. Set tricked him into getting in a box, which Set then sealed and floated down the Nile.

ANSWER: **Osiris**

[C] This sister of Osiris was also his wife. She searched and found Osiris's dead body, which she reanimated so she could get pregnant and give birth to Horus.

ANSWER: **Isis**

[D] This sister of Isis abandoned her husband Set after he killed Osiris. She is the mother of Anubis.

ANSWER: **Nephthys** (Accept **Nebthet**)

21) Name these archangels for ten points each

[10] This archangel delivered the annunciation to Mary, and messages from God to Muhammad.

ANSWER: **Gabriel**

[10] In Islamic tradition, this archangel accompanied Gabriel, Michael, and Muhammad to Mecca. In Paradise Lost, this archangel of healing explains the war in heaven to Adam, and warns him not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge.

ANSWER: **Raphael**

[10] In Christian tradition, this archangel of repentance rescued John the Baptist from the Massacre of the Innocents. He stands guard at the entrance to Eden wielding a flaming sword.

ANSWER: **Uriel**

22) Name these places from Norse mythology

[10] This is the realm of humans.

ANSWER: **Midgard**

[10] Hel is located in this realm of ice.

ANSWER: **Niflheim**

[10] Surtr is the ruler of this realm of fire.

ANSWER: **Muspellsheimr**

23) Name some things about the death of Achilles for ten points each

[10] Achilles was killed by this Trojan.

ANSWER: **Paris**

[10] After Achilles is killed, this son of Telamon drives the Trojans away from his body, so it can be taken back to the Greek camp. He did exactly the same thing when Patrocles was killed.

ANSWER: **Ajax**

[10] Achilles' body is taken back to the Greek camp on a chariot driven by this man.

ANSWER: **Odysseus** (Do not accept Ulysses)