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Week #1 The Epic of Gilgamesh pp. 23-33

Reading Comprehension

Directions: Answer the following items using complete sentences, proper punctuation and correct grammar.

1. Why does Gilgamesh want to find Utnapishtim?

2. According to Utnapishtim, why did the gods decide to destroy humanity?

3. What happens to the magic plant? How does Gilgamesh react?

4. How well did Enkidu's description of his dream help you visualize the Sumerian afterlife? Identify images that particularly struck you and describe their effect.

5. Why is Enkidu's dream important for an understanding of the motivation, or reason, for Gilgamesh's quest?

6. Could Gilgamesh be satisfied with the simple joys of life that Siduri describes?
