

Historical Foundations of Mythology

Mythology · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. The Epic of Gilgamesh, widely considered one of the earliest works of literature, originates from which ancient civilization?

- A) Ancient Egypt
- B) Mesopotamia**
- C) Indus Valley
- D) Minoan Crete

2. Which archaeological site, discovered in the 19th century, provided primary evidence for the historical existence of the city of Troy described in Homer's Iliad?

- A) Knossos
- B) Hisarlik**
- C) Mycenae
- D) Persepolis

3. The Rosetta Stone, key to deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphs and understanding their mythological texts, was discovered by French soldiers in which year?

- A) 1799**
- B) 1812
- C) 1750
- D) 1850

4. In Norse mythology, the Poetic Edda consists of poems preserved primarily in which 13th-century Icelandic manuscript?

- A) The Book of Kells
- B) The Codex Regius**
- C) The Domesday Book
- D) The Vinland Sagas

5. The Popol Vuh, the foundational text containing the creation myths of the K'iche' people, originates from which civilization?

- A) Inca
- B) Aztec
- C) Maya**
- D) Olmec

6. Which historical ruler is credited with ordering the compilation of the Nihon Shoki, one of the oldest books of classical Japanese history and mythology?

A) Prince Shotoku

B) Emperor Tenmu

C) Emperor Meiji

D) Empress Koken

7. The Rigveda, one of the four sacred canonical texts of Hinduism and a source of Vedic mythology, is composed in which ancient language?

A) Pali

B) Sanskrit

C) Aramaic

D) Old Persian

8. Archaeological evidence from the palace at Knossos on Crete is associated with the mythology of which legendary king?

A) Midas

B) Minos

C) Agamemnon

D) Priam