

Mythology Study Guide

Chapter 29 – Greece: Demeter and Persephone, pp. 519-537

Who is Demeter? What Greek cultural values are revealed in this myth?

What version of myth is *The Hymn of Demeter*?

What is the connection of Demeter to Eleusis?

What did Eleusis retain in its treaty with Athens?

Why don't we know much about the ceremony in which the hymn was used?

What is a mystery religion?

Define: monism, dualism, gnosis, and docetism

Identify the importance of Sir James Frazer and *The Golden Bough*

What "alternate set of values" does *The Hymn of Demeter* possibly express?

Chapter 30 – Egypt: Isis and Osiris, pp. 538-553

What is the basis of modern variations regarding the cult of Isis?

During which historic period(s) is worship of Isis found?

What makes the study of the religion of Egypt "conflicting and contradictory"?

What role does Anubis play in the Isis and Osiris myth?

How does the myth provide the rationale for mummification?

What animal is used as a representation of Isis?

What are the oldest texts available as a source of Egyptian mythology?

What are the *Coffin Texts*?

How did Isis come to be perceived by different cultures?