

Mythology Study guide – Chapter 2: Ways of Understanding Myth

Know the defining elements of the following:

Paratactic Storytelling

Syntactic Storytelling

Characteristics of Oral Myth

Characteristics of Written Myth

Rationalization

Know the significance of the following with regard to this chapter:

The Bible

Epic of Gilgamesh

Genesis

Hesiod

Homer

Ovid

Prose Edda

Who studies myths and why?

What role did formulas play in the oral composition of poetry?

What factors would be considered in judging the performance of an oral poet?