



## WORLD MYTHOLOGY

### Cultivation and Nature Unit Study Questions

#### How Winter Came into the World – Greek (F120-123)

1. What happened when Kore picked the narcissus flower?
2. How did Demeter come to have a temple at Eleusis?
3. What gifts did Demeter give to Triptolemus?
4. How does Demeter express her anger at her daughter's disappearance?
5. What does Zeus do to help Demeter?
6. How did Hades ensure Kore's continued presence in the Underworld?
7. Compare this myth to the Descent of Inanna myth – look particularly at what happens when Inanna is removed from the world, and what happens when Dumuzi is taken to the Underworld.

#### The Sun in Hiding – Japanese (F48-49)

1. What effect does Amaterasu have on the world?
2. Describe the contest between Amaterasu and Susano-Wo.
3. What does Susano-Wo do when the contest is over, and how does Amaterasu react to this? What effect does this have on the world?
4. How do the gods lure Amaterasu out of hiding?
5. How is Susano-Wo punished?



Telepinu – Mesopotamian (P94-95)

1. What happens to the world when Telepinu is gone?
2. What methods of finding Telepinu do the gods try? What does the bee do, and how does Telepinu react to this? Which method finally worked?
3. Compare the reason for famine in this myth to that in the Persephone and Amaterasu myths.

Book of Am Duat – Egyptian (handout)

1. What had to happen after the sun set each day? How did Re ensure that this would happen?
2. Describe what happens in the various hours of the journey.
3. How is Re eventually reborn as the sun disc?

Mondamin and the Indian Corn – Native American (F124-127)

1. What is the Ke-ig-nish-im-o-win, and who must undertake it?
2. Why does Wunzh pray to the Great Spirit?
3. What is the significance of the Native Americans giving names to the various plants and animals that surround them?
4. Why do Wawa food markets have a goose as their symbol?
5. Who visits Wunzh? What does this visitor say that Wunzh must do?
6. After Wunzh finally defeats the visitor, what is he to do?
7. What is Mondamin?