

- Do not speak for the entire duration of the exam, unless it is to me.

**Section 1. The Cake.** Answer the following questions using one word or phrase, or at most a single sentence. If you cannot remember a word, phrase or name you can describe its meaning or something similar for full credit.

Question 1. Who won the battle of Thermopylae?

Question 2. Who was the author of the Gilgamesh epic? (give the best answer)

Question 3. The tale of the Cyclops illustrates an inversion of what important Greek custom/concept?

Question 4. Why in all likelihood, in describing his journey to the underworld, does Odysseus spend so much time speaking about the different queens he met there?

Question 5. Why does Gilgamesh want to kill Humbaba?

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Question 4. State a few general laws that seems to govern the world of Herodotus. (Several answers are possible)

Question 5. Give three reasons Xerxes was fated to lose?

**Section 2. Essays. Please answer TWO of the following questions in three to five paragraphs. Remember do not repeat any parts of your answers under another question.**

1. Explain the different ways in which Odysseus reveals himself to his family members/servants on his return to Ithaca and discuss what might be the reasons for these differences and what symbolism might be behind them.

2. Explain two examples of how Herodotus makes use of dreams/oracles or hereditary curses to explain historical events. Discuss how this reflects Herodotus' view of the world.
3. Compare and contrast Kalypso and Circe.
4. Explain how the story after Odysseus' landing in Ithaca perhaps better illustrates his character and is actually more of a challenge for him than his great wanderings.
5. Odysseus is in all ways a Greek hero. Would a man like Odysseus be considered heroic today? Would he be considered a good leader of men? (give specific examples of his behavior to flesh out your argument)
6. Discuss Gilgamesh's journey in search of immortality, focusing in particular on why he undertakes this journey, whether it makes sense for him to do so, and how he either is or is not different when he returns to Uruk.
7. Discuss the significance of the city/home in all three of the texts we read this semester using specific examples and make comparisons.