Pre-reading Vocabulary Part Six *The Less Important Myths*

Chapter 20 *Midas and Others* Chapter 21 *Brief Myths Arranged Alphabetically*

Introduction Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Context Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence.

Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. The fat old drunkard was found asleep in a bower of roses.

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2. She fled from him until she stood on a lofty promontory where she could safely watch him.

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3. Her story is the only one in which the good goddess Ceres appears cruel and vindictive.

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4. Erysichthon had the wicked audacity to cut down the tallest oak in a grove sacred to Ceres.

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5.&6. He learned in this way the art of divination as no one ever had, and he became a famous

soothsayer.

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7. Hera sent a fearful pestilence that destroyed the people by thousands.

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8. He found a pang of grief as he watched the maiden placed on the funeral pyre and the wild

flames roar up.

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9. This man was another illustration of how fatal it was for mortals to try to emulate the gods.

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