

⇒ COMPREHENSION CHECK ⇐

RCP#12

1. Why did King Iobates feel that he was obliged to kill Bellerophon?
 - A. Bellerophon had offended his wife.
 - B. He had been asked to do so by his son-in-law.
 - C. Bellerophon had angered the gods.
 - D. Bellerophon had forgotten to read the letter to him.

2. In paragraph four, King Iobates tells Bellerophon that his kingdom is being devastated by the Chimera. Which of these is the best synonym for *devastated*?
 - A. watched
 - B. entertained
 - C. visited
 - D. destroyed

3. Bellerophon consulted Polyidus, a soothsayer. A *soothsayer* is someone who
 - A. can see into the future.
 - B. teaches young men to tame and ride horses.
 - C. sells weapons and armor to young heroes.
 - D. is an expert on fire-breathing monsters.

4. Where was Bellerophon when he had his dream?
 - A. in the sky, riding on Pegasus
 - B. in the goddess Athena's temple
 - C. at the spring where Pegasus was drinking
 - D. in the palace of King Iobates

5. According to the myth, why wasn't Bellerophon burned by the Chimera's flames?
 - A. He was protected by the golden bridle.
 - B. He was wearing metal armor and heavy boots.
 - C. He was circling far enough above the Chimera's head to avoid them.
 - D. Pegasus covered him with his large wings.

6. In the last paragraph, it says that King Iobates "sent Bellerophon off on other perilous missions." Which of these is the best antonym for *perilous*?
 - A. safe
 - B. important
 - C. brief
 - D. interesting

7. Which of the following statements about King Iobates is true?
 - A. He felt no respect for the gods and their wishes.
 - B. He thought that Bellerophon would be killed by the Chimera.
 - C. He was the king of Corinth.
 - D. All of his children were sons.

8. The title that best expresses the main idea of this myth is
 - A. The Taming of the Winged Horse Pegasus
 - B. A Night in Athena's Temple
 - C. A Sealed Letter From King Proetus
 - D. The Triumphs of a Bold and Brave Hero