

## COMPREHENSION CHECK

RCP #11

1. Athena's main purpose in coming to earth to visit Arachne was to
  - A. see if Arachne's weaving skills were truly better than hers.
  - B. give her another weaving lesson.
  - C. have a weaving competition with her.
  - D. scold her for boasting about being a better weaver.
  
2. According to the myth, which of these skills was Athena most likely to teach to women?
  - A. how to write poetry
  - B. how to embroider fabric
  - C. how to play a musical instrument
  - D. how to paint portraits
  
3. In what way were Athena and Arachne alike?
  - A. They were both mortals.
  - B. They both had gray eyes.
  - C. They were both very proud of their weaving skills.
  - D. They both had magical powers.
  
4. In paragraph two, it says, "Athena was indignant." Which of these is the best synonym for indignant?
  - A. puzzled
  - B. astonished
  - C. displeased
  - D. afraid
  
5. During the competition, Athena cautioned Arachne to take note before it was too late. What did the goddess want the girl to notice?
  - A. the scenes in her tapestry that showed the fate of mortals who tried to outdo the gods
  - B. that she was wearing a golden helmet
  - C. the shimmering gold and silver threads that she was using in her tapestry
  - D. that her weaving was nearly finished
  
6. In paragraph eight, Arachne's fingers are described as agile. Which of these is the best antonym for agile?
  - A. skillful
  - B. strong
  - C. wrinkled
  - D. clumsy
  
7. What emotion did Arachne seem to express while she was weaving her tapestry?
  - A. disappointment
  - B. confidence
  - C. boredom
  - D. sadness
  
8. Some myths have a moral (a lesson to be learned from the story). Which of these is the best moral for this myth?
  - A. Having talent can lead to trouble.
  - B. Some spiders have a poisonous bite.
  - C. Becoming a good weaver requires lots of practice.
  - D. Being boastful and arrogant can lead to trouble.