those qualities with the bow and cleverness, so their hero Odysseus has the society they belong to. The ancient Greeks valued skill epic hero is the larger-than-life main character. For events in the history or folklore of a nation or culture. An Epic heroes usually have the qualities that are valued by his incredible aim with a bow-and-arrow, and his cleverness example, Odysseus is the epic hero in the Odyssey. His An epic is a long poem that tells the story of important larger-than-life characteristics include his great strength,

answer For each question, indicate the letter of the best

- Which of the following is the best description of an
- A. a short story about the heroes of a nation or culture
- D. a long poem telling stories of a nation or culture

C. a brief article about the heroes

- B. a nonfiction book about the heroes of a nation or culture
- C. a man who has the strength of a culture about the heroes of a nation or
- B. a man who wins a race A. a man who is tal An epic hero is a larger-than-life character. Which of the following is the best example of an epic hero? D. a man who steals a lot of fifty men

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An epic hero often does adventurous deeds or acts. hero's adventurous deed? Which of the following is the best example of an epic

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- A. a battle in which the hero kills a dreaded monster
- B. a meeting in which the hero stands up for the rights of his friends
 - D. a lazy boat ride on a summer C. a social event in which the hero meets new friends
- 4. An epic hero usually has the characteristics that are expect to be true of that society's epic hero? valued by a society. Suppose that a society valued honesty above all else. Which of the following would you
- A. He is always kind and generous.
- C. He solves problems cleverly.
- B. He always tells the truth.
- D. He always wins his battles and defeats his enemies
- 5. Which of the following is the best description of an epic hero?
- in an epic
 - A. a clever adventurer described C. a wise ruler described in an epic
- B. a larger-than-life character who is the main character of an
 - D. a cultural leader described in an epic
- 6. Which of the following statements is ALWAYS true about an epic?
- A. It is written in Greek or Latin.
- C. It is a long narrative poem.
- B. It is valued by all societies. D. It celebrates battle victories

7. Which of the following statements is ALWAYS true about an epic hero?

A. The hero is very smart

C. The hero fights anyone he

B. The hero does great acts, such as killing monsters.

D. The hero travels throughout the world, spreading peace.

00 a trait of that society's epic hero? all else. Which of the following is the BEST example of society. Suppose that a society valued cleverness above An epic hero demonstrates traits that are valued by a

A. He always tells the truth.

B. He gives all his riches to the

C. He always finds ways to solve

problems.

D. He is always brave during battles

great detail. epic simile is simile that describes the second thing in culture. A simile uses the words like or as to compare. An An epic is a long poem about the history of a nation or

Ordinary Simile: Kathy chased Ron, but Ron ran as fast as a rabbit

he quickly vanished. vanishes last, a quick flash of white in the green leaves. So ran Ron, and its heart beating fast, the rabbit dives into the bushes. Its tail takes aim quickly, but the rabbit is faster than the hunter's eye. With Epic Simile: Ron ran like a rabbit startled by a hunter. The hunter

the epic takes place Epic similes add color and interesting detail to an epic. They reveal much about the time and the culture in which

> answer. For each question, indicate the letter of the best

9. How is an epic simile different from a normal simile?

A. An epic simile usually contains such words as like or as.

C. An epic simile is longer and much more involved.

 B. An epic simile describes an aspect of a hero.

D. An epic simile compares fewer things.

10. Which of the following is the best example of an epic simile?

A. His home was a castle on steep cliff.

B. His home was like a castle, a

storms, a fine and grand place to eat and rest.

> D. His home was big, made of C. His home seemed as big as a castle.

mighty fort, safe from all

a huge iron gate, and it was set stone, with green shutters and far back from the road.

Like a farmer sowing seeds, the mighty hero sent his enemies running hero moved through the battlefield, dealing blows to the left and to the right. His enemies scattered like seeds in the wind. 11. What does this epic simile tell you about the culture? The farmer flings a handful to the left, a handful to the right. So the

A. Some people of the culture lived in big cities.

C. Some people of the culture were simple farmers.

B. Some people of the culture used farm machinery.

D. Some people of the culture made their living by fishing.

12. What is the best definition of an epic simile?

A. a long comparison of a human and a god

C. a long comparison in which and voices animals are given human traits

B. a long comparison filled with detailed descriptions

D. a long comparison of epic

13. How is an ordinary simile different from an epic

- A. Ordinary similes do not usually contain like or as.
- B. Ordinary similes are not metaphors
- C. Ordinary similes appear only in narrative poems from early
- D. Ordinary similes are brief comparisons using simple images

14. Which of the following is the best example of an epic simile?

- A. All men marvel at a mighty mountains. his horse, like lightning in the the moment it is seen. So ran flash of lightning, which is gone
- The horse was as fast as lightning.
 - C. The horse was shiny, velvety appreciative stare. everyone turn for an a graceful gait that made black, with a streaming tail and
- D. To its owner, the horse was a treasure more valuable than

What does this epic simile tell you about the culture where the epic takes place?

holds back his bark, for fear of frightening off his victim his hunger, the wolf whines a little when he catches a scent. Yet he The warriors crept toward the ships quietly, like a wolf on the hunt. In C. The people of this culture

- A. The people of this culture lived where there are wolves.
- B. The people of this culture

worshiped wolves.

Ö enjoyed hunting. The people of this culture kept wolves as pets.

> deeds that are hard to believe, and hyperbole all of the following: humor, a larger-than-life hero, amazing (exaggeration). A tall tale is an American folk story that contains some or

natural things, such as thunder and lightning, happen certain traditions, such as festivals, started, or why myths told about the actions of gods. Others told how Many ancient cultures had stories called myths. Some

and face tasks that seem impossible god or goddess as a parent, gain special knowledge or gifts, Others told of heroic humans. Mythic heroes often have a

tale that it clearly shows. For items 16-20, list ALL the characteristics of a tall Choose from:

humor

- larger-than-life hero
- amazing deeds
- hyperbole
- be fair, it lifted half of Missouri and set it down in Kansas state of Kansas and set it down in Missouri. Then, just to 16. A great storm was stirring. It lifted up half of the
- roped in the storm. He pulled that storm all the way across biggest rope, twirled it three times around his head, and it was about time to clean his house. He took out his Nebraska and set it loose in his home. When Big Bill heard the storm was coming, he decided

Choose from:

- humor
- amazing deeds

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- hyperbole larger-than-life hero
- would have breakfast bowls of oatmeal in the morning. Then, after this snack, he 18. When Paul Bunyan was growing up, he used to eat forty
- reached the other end of the table fast, otherwise the food would get cold before they men serving food wore roller skates. They had to move 19. In Paul's logging camp, the tables were so long that the
- whole day to fly from of one of Babe's horns to the other 20. Paul's blue ox, Babe, was so big that it took a crow a

For items 21-24 , list ALL the characteristics of a myth or of a mythic hero that appear in it. Choose

- A. actions of a god
- B. why life is the way it is
- C. why a natural event occurs
- the monster Python, a giant snake. In honor of this victory, 21. Apollo was the Greek god of music and light. He killed held every four years Apollo started the Pythian Games, a sports event that was

- and a mortal woman. Because of a crime he committed, rivers. Hercules was incredibly strong, though, and he had the help of the gods. He completed all twelve Labors included battling fire-breathing monsters and moving Hercules had to perform twelve Labors. The Labors 22. The hero Hercules was a son of the Greek god Zeus
- give him the stories. Anansi succeeded, and that is why stories, so he made an agreement with Nyame. If Anansi of things, the sky-god Nyame kept all stories for himself. people tell stories today could capture four hard-to-catch creatures, Nyame would An Ashanti myth of Africa tells that, in the beginning Anansi the spider wished to have the knowledge in these
- there is winter escaped. The world grew dark and cold, and that is why too curious. He opened them, and the Sun and the Moon them, but only if he promised not to open them. Coyote was Coyote and Eagle stole the boxes. Eagle let Coyote carry village. In the village were two boxes that controlled light there was not enough light. Then, they found a spirit with Eagle. The Coyote said the hunting was poor because 24. The Hopi Indians tell that once Coyote went hunting