

Unit 2 - Classwork 2: The *Enuma Elish* (𒂍𒀭𒂊𒌷𒍪𒌷)

In order to help you answer these questions, see pages 14—21 in Unit 2.

1. According to the Babylonian author(s) of the *Enuma Elish*, water is the only thing that always has existed and never was made, created, or born, but there were two kinds of water. What were those two kinds of water?
2. According to the Babylonian author(s) of the *Enuma Elish*, the younger gods were annoying Tiamat, and that made her husband Apsu very upset. Yet when he thought about how to solve the problem, Apsu faced a dilemma. On the one hand, he could have followed his wife's advice. On the other hand, he could have followed his son's advice.
 - (i) In the end, whose advice did he take?
 - (ii) In order to solve the problem, did Apsu make the right decision? Why or why not? Explain.
3. According to the Babylonian author(s) of the *Enuma Elish*, why did Marduk agree to kill Tiamat?
4. According to the Babylonian author(s) of the *Enuma Elish*, why is there an ocean above the sky?

5. According to the Babylonians, Marduk created the god Sin, and Marduk also made a crown for Sin.
 - (i) According to the Babylonian author(s) of the *Enuma Elish*, what was Sin's crown?
 - (ii) According to the Babylonian author(s) of the *Enuma Elish*, how did Marduk create the lunar month?
6. According to the Babylonian author(s) of the *Enuma Elish*, how did Marduk create Mesopotamia?
7. According to the Babylonian author(s) of the *Enuma Elish*, where was Babylon built?
8. According to the Babylonian author(s) of the *Enuma Elish*, what is the origin, source, start, or beginning of everything? In other words, what is the original material that bore, created, generated, or made everything else that exists? What is the ἀρχή? Answer these three questions as if they were one multifaceted question (that is asked in three different ways).

9. A titanomachy (τιτανομαχία) is a war between gods. What role does titanomachy play in the *Enuma Elish*?
10. The *Enuma Elish* was originally a Babylonian story, but there also was an Assyrian version of the *Enuma Elish*. Yet even though the Assyrians and Babylonians both spoke the Akkadian language and both practiced the Sumero-Akkadian religion, what is the main difference between the Babylonian *Enuma Elish* and the Assyrian *Enuma Elish*?