Chapter 2 - Assignment 1: The *Enuma Elish* (𒂍𒀭𒌋𒌋𒁹)

In order to help you answer these questions, see pages 15—21 in Chapter 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? (*Who* were they?)

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 is there an ocean above the sky?

4. 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).

5. Any theomachy (θεομαχία) is a war between gods. What role does theomachy play in the *Enuma Elish*?