

**Chapter 2 - Assignment 4: Hesiod's *Theogony***

In order to help you answers these questions, see pages 42—49 in Chapter 2.

1. Cronus had a troubling relationship with his family.

(i) Why did Cronus attack his own father?

(ii) Why did Cronus eat five of his own children?

2. Like how the *Enuma Elish* is partly a story of theomachy (θεομαχία), Hesiod's *Theogony* is partly a story of titanomachy (τιτανομαχία). How is the titanomachy for Zeus like what the theomachy was for Marduk? (Note: The word "theomachy" means "war of the gods", and the word "titanomachy" means "war of the titans".)

3. After the titanomachy, Zeus dealt with the brothers Atlas, Prometheus, and Epimetheus in different ways.

(i) As punishment, Zeus made Atlas hold up the sky. Why was Atlas punished?

(ii) Why were the two brothers of Atlas not punished?

4. What was the Trick at Mekone? In the city of Mekone, what trick did Prometheus try to play on Zeus?

5. After the Trick at Mekone, Prometheus tried one more time to outwit Zeus, but things ended badly for Prometheus and human beings.

(i) For giving fire to human beings, how was Prometheus punished by Zeus?

(ii) For accepting fire from Prometheus, how were humans punished by Zeus?