

Homeric Hymn To Demeter (c. 750 B.C.)

What happens to Persephone early in this poem?

Of whose mourning does Demeter's remind you in specific ways?

What might Hades in this myth represent in real life?

Where does Demeter go, and what does she do there? Why do you think she does this?

Eleusis

What does Metaneira do to change the situation? Does the poet think she's at fault? Do you?

What is Demeter's plan at this point? Of which Homeric character does she remind you?

How does Zeus go about fixing this situation? What does Hades do to complicate the solution?

What seems to be the causal force in this poem?

Which ritual is established in this poem?

Which other mythical purposes seem to be achieved by this poem/myth?