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sunny

stormy

icy

9. Circle all of the answers that tell us what could happen to you if you hear a mermaid sing according to British folklore.

You could drown.

You could be buried alive.

You could fall asleep.

You could be eaten in the depths of the sea.

You could be spirited to the mermaid world.

You could walk on the surface of the water.

10. People from which culture believe in the mermaid entity known as Mami Wata?

Egyptian

Greek

African

Indian

11. What does Mami Wata translate into English as? tick the correct answer

Mother Earth

Mother Spirit

Water Spirit

Mother Water

12. Read the paragraph beginning: *There are many stories surrounding Mami Wata...*

Describe how an encounter with Mami Wata can change a person.

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who can time travel

who interacts with spirits

who is average

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16. How many daughters did Triton have?

30,000

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17. Provide an argument to the following statement drawing on examples from the text

All mermaids look the same

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*captivated*

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*Hans Christian Anderson, 1836.*

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5. Write a short paragraph in your own words about the first recorded account of a ningyo.

Accept something like: The first recorded account of a ningyo was during the reign of Empress Suiko in 619. It was captured in Japanese waters and brought back to Empress Suiko who displayed it in a tank to show her visitors.

6. Describe the appearance of a ningyo.

Accept something like: A ningyo can be described as looking like a deformed human head on a fish's body or a human torso with a fish's tail. They are grotesque to look at and may have sharp claws.

7. What are the pros and cons of eating the flesh of a ningyo?

Accept something like: A pro of eating the flesh of a ningyo is that you would be granted with eternal life and youth. However, if you do try to catch one you may be put under a powerful curse.

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*An encounter with Mami Wata can give you a new spiritual understanding as well as make you more attractive, more tolerant and wealthier.*

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*Mami Wata devotees wear red and white in Cameroon*

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*sea nymph*

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*Accept something like: All mermaids are described as having a human like aspect to their upper body and a fish like tail however there are variations of this. For example, a mermaid in the Japanese culture is described as being grotesque with claws, whereas mermaids in British, African and Greek folklore are beautiful and have long flowing hair. Mami Wata from African folklore is described as having an angelic gaze whereas mermaids from Greek folklore have deep, sad eyes.*