

# Practice Worksheet on Kazakh Mythology

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## Long Answer Questions

1. Describe the significance of the Bayterek tree in the Kazakh myth.
2. Explain the circumstances that led Maadai-Kara to leave his son, Kögüdei Mergen, on the Black Mountain.
3. Describe the role of the poor woman of Altai in the story.
4. Summarize the challenges that Kögüdei Mergen faced on his journey.
5. Explain how Kögüdei Mergen brought about a change in his people's situation.
6. Discuss the significance of Kögüdei Mergen's descent into the underworld.
7. Explain how Kögüdei Mergen and Altyn Kүskү brought a new era to the human world and how they ended their days.

8. What values of Kazakh culture are evident in the myth of Kögüdei Mergen?

## Multiple Choice Questions

1. What was the Bayterek tree?

- a) The home of the gods
- b) A tree connecting three worlds
- c) A magical weapon
- d) A sacred animal

2. Who was Maadai-Kara?

- a) A powerful warrior
- b) The old ruler who lost his power
- c) A wise old woman
- d) A mythical creature

3. Who was Kögüdei Mergen?

- a) A monster
- b) A wise king
- c) Maadai-Kara's son
- d) A powerful sorcerer

4. Where did Erlik rule?

- a) The land of the living
- b) The underworld
- c) The sky
- d) A magical forest

5. Where did Maadai-Kara leave his son for safety?

- a) The Black Mountain
- b) The White Mountain
- c) The Golden Mountain
- d) The Silver Mountain

6. What kind of sea did Kögüdei Mergen cross on his journey?

- a) A sea of fire
- b) A poisonous sea
- c) A calm ocean
- d) A river of ice

7. What happened to Kögüdei Mergen after his death?

- a) He became a dragon
- b) He disappeared
- c) He became a star
- d) He became a god

8. How did Kögüdei Mergen rule the land after defeating Kara-Kula?

- a) He turned into a stone
- b) He ruled the world alone
- c) He ruled with seven kaans and Altyn Küskü
- d) He became a hermit

# Answer Key

## Long Answer Questions - Expected Responses

1. Describe the significance of the Bayterek tree in the Kazakh myth.

Expected Answer: Bayterek tree connected the upper, middle, and lower worlds; its branches reached heaven, trunk was in the human world, and roots in the underworld.

2. Explain the circumstances that led Maadai-Kara to leave his son, Kögüdei Mergen, on the Black Mountain.

Expected Answer: Maadai-Kara's old age led to loss of power and vulnerability to enemies; his decision to protect his son, Kögüdei Mergen, by leaving him on the Black Mountain.

3. Describe the role of the poor woman of Altai in the story.

Expected Answer: A poor Altai woman discovered and cared for Kögüdei Mergen on the Black Mountain until he was ready to begin his own journey.

4. Summarize the challenges that Kögüdei Mergen faced on his journey.

Expected Answer: Kögüdei Mergen faced many challenges such as a poisonous sea, moving mountains, and various monsters on his journey to defeat Kara-Kula.

5. Explain how Kögüdei Mergen brought about a change in his people's situation.

Expected Answer: Kögüdei Mergen defeated Kara-Kula, freed his people from slavery, and became the new ruler.

6. Discuss the significance of Kögüdei Mergen's descent into the underworld.

Expected Answer: Kögüdei Mergen's quest wasn't complete until he went to the underworld, fought and defeated Erlik, the underworld's god, releasing good souls.

7. Explain how Kögüdei Mergen and Altyn Kүskү brought a new era to the human world and how they ended their days.

Expected Answer: Kögüdei Mergen's victory over Erlik brought peace and harmony; he and Altyn Kүskү ushered a golden age and later transformed into stars.

8. What values of Kazakh culture are evident in the myth of Kögüdei Mergen?

Expected Answer: The myth of Kögüdei Mergen reflects the Kazakh culture's values of bravery, perseverance, and the importance of family and overcoming challenges. It is a story of triumph over adversity.

## Multiple Choice Questions – Correct Answers

1. What was the Bayterek tree?

Correct Answer: A tree connecting three worlds

2. Who was Maadai-Kara?

Correct Answer: The old ruler who lost his power

3. Who was Kögüdei Mergen?

Correct Answer: Maadai-Kara's son

4. Where did Erlik rule?

Correct Answer: The underworld

5. Where did Maadai-Kara leave his son for safety?

Correct Answer: The Black Mountain

6. What kind of sea did Kögüdei Mergen cross on his journey?

Correct Answer: A poisonous sea

7. What happened to Kögüdei Mergen after his death?

Correct Answer: He became a star

8. How did Kögüdei Mergen rule the land after defeating Kara-Kula?

Correct Answer: He ruled with seven kaans and Altyn Kүskü