

Gilgamesh Reading Questions #4

Directions: Answer each question thoroughly, using complete sentences and proper mechanics. These questions have multiple parts and the responses should be thorough and well thought out if you wish to receive full credit. Each is worth 4 points.

1. What motivates Gilgamesh to go on a difficult journey to seek out Utnapishtim? How is the motivation for this journey different than the motivation for seeking out and destroying Humbaba? What does this difference suggest about the changes in the character of Gilgamesh?
2. Relate the major similarities and differences found in Utnapishtim's account of the flood with the Biblical account of the flood found in chapters 6-9 of Genesis.
3. When it is time for Gilgamesh to return to the Uruk, what gift does he bring with him? What does he intend to do with it? What prevents him from taking this gift back to his people?
4. What ideas does the loss of this gift share with the account of Adam and Eve from Genesis?
5. Gilgamesh returns to the city of the Uruk empty handed. When he arrives with the ferryman, Urshanabi however, Urshanabi makes praises the grand construction of the city. Why do you think he is pointing this out to Gilgamesh?