

## Medusa Exam, 'Transformations': Ovid Books 1-6

I. Identifications: Each ID may be used once, many times, or never - but all answers are included in the list.

Callisto	Jupiter	Latona	Mercury	Coronis
Diana	Chiron	Battus	Lycaon	Deucalion
Pyrrha	Marsyas	Pyramus	Perseus	Clytie
Leucothoe	Argus	Cupid	Apollo	Heliades
Phaethon	Syrinx	Bacchus	Pan	Pentheus
Venus	Medusa	Atlas	Cadmus	Hermaphroditus
Ino	Lyncus	Minerva	Niobe	Proserpina
Ascalabus	Cyane	Ascalaphus	Arethusa	Pluto
Alpheus	Pierides	Io	Tereus	Procne
Philomela	Saturn	Ocyrhoe	Arcas	

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. during his reign, the human race enjoyed a Golden Age
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. the Greek Noah who tossed stones which transformed into men
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. rejected the worship of Bacchus, then mistaken for a boar and ripped apart by mother
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. turned into poplar trees, with tears of amber, while mourning for brother Phaethon
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. pursued Arethusa, who was changed into a stream and fled underground to escape
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. abducted Proserpina and made her Queen of the Underworld
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. boasted that she was better than Latona, all her children were killed, changed into rock
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. transformed into sunflower because she loved the sun god and followed him each day
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. bathed in a pool of water, was transformed into a 'man/woman'
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. raped his sister-in-law, tasted flesh of his own son Itys, changed into hoopoe bird
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. mother of Aesculapius by Apollo, who killed her b/c of infidelity
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. stole the cattle of Apollo, changed into old man to test vow of silence by witness
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. her gaze turned men to stone
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. transformed into a cow, later worshipped as Egyptian goddess with horns
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. tried to serve human flesh to Jupiter, who changed him into a werewolf
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. pursued the nymph Syrinx, who changed into reeds, which he used for a musical pipe

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. won music contest against Marsyas (who was flayed alive for his arrogance)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. the 'good' centaur who served as mentor to the heroes Jason and Achilles
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. buried alive by her own father, transformed into frankincense by Apollo
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. transformed into a mountain by Perseus (with the head of Medusa)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. transformed Medusa into snaky Gorgon
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. transformed into water while weeping over the abduction of Proserpina
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. his many eyes were placed on the feathers of the peacock by Juno
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24, 25. the blood from this couple's double suicide changed the mulberry to blood red
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. daughter of Chiron, changed into mare b/c revealed forbidden secrets about future
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. changed the daughters of Minyas into bats b/c they did not accept him as a god
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. changed, along with his wife Harmonia, into a snake
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. bored Argus to sleep with a long story and then chopped off his head
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. 9 daughters, changed into magpies, b/c they challenged the Muses to music contest
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. changed by Ceres into lynx b/c he was going to murder Triptolemus
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. raped by Jupiter (disguised as Diana), then changed into bear, then into constellation

## Medusa, 'Transformations': Ovid Books 7-9 Quiz

dragon's teeth	hunting dog	Perdix	spear	Nessus
Jupiter	Aura	Meleager	linden tree	Hebe
Aurora	weasel	Myrmidons	Erysichthon	Labyrinth
oak tree	Corona	Mercury	Neptune	Atalanta
Ariadne	Bacchus	partridge	Alcmene	laurel tree

1. Cadmus sowed \_\_\_\_\_, which turned into soldiers that helped him found Thebes.
2. Jupiter helped repopulate the land of Aegina by creating men from ants, called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. This goddess of the Dawn caused Cephalus to doubt the fidelity of his wife Procris:  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. When Procris forgave Cephalus for his treachery and returned home to him, she brought two gifts: a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Procris thought Cephalus was having an affair with a girl named \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Cephalus unknowingly killed his own wife Procris with a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Daedalus built a \_\_\_\_\_ to house the Minotaur. After Theseus killed the Minotaur and escaped with \_\_\_\_\_, he abandoned her on the island Naxos. The god \_\_\_\_\_ then made her his wife and turned her crown into the constellation \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Daedalus got jealous of his nephew \_\_\_\_\_ and threw him off the Acropolis in Athens. Before he hit the ground, Minerva changed him into a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The only woman on the Calydonian Boar Hunt was the first to wound the raging beast. Her name was \_\_\_\_\_.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ died when his mother threw a magical log into a fire. His mourning sisters were turned into guinea-hens.
11. Baucis/wife and Philemon/husband accepted \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, both disguised as beggars, into their house after they were shunned by many others.

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12. For their kind hospitality, Baucis and Philemon were changed into a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_, respectively.

13. Because he cut down an oak sacred to Ceres, \_\_\_\_\_ was cursed with insatiable, unending hunger.

14. The man in #13 satisfied his eternal hunger by repeatedly selling his daughter, who was given the ability to change form by the god \_\_\_\_\_.

15. The centaur \_\_\_\_\_ gave Deianira a potion with poisonous Hydra's blood to trick her into causing Hercules' death.

16. Hercules was in such pain from the shirt stained with the Hydra's blood that he burned himself on a funeral pyre, and \_\_\_\_\_ turned him into a god, giving him \_\_\_\_\_ as his wife.

17. Galanthis was turned into a \_\_\_\_\_ because she helped \_\_\_\_\_ to end her labor and finally give birth to Hercules.

## Medusa, 'Transformations': Ovid Books 10-12 Quiz

bulls	Bacchus	eagle	Cinyras	Midas
Adonis	Apollo	Thetis	Peleus	Iphigenia
Tethys	Ceyx	Caenis	discus	oak trees
snakebite	prostitutes	lions	Calchas	Apollo
eagle	Cynus	Periclymenus	Venus	Halcyone

- 1) How did Eurydice die?
- 2) Who turned Cyparissus into a cypress tree?
- 3) To abduct Ganymede, what form did Jupiter take?
- 4) What killed Hyacinthus?
- 5) Venus transformed the Cerastae, the impious people of Cyprus, into what?
- 6) The Propoetides, for denying that Venus was a goddess, were ultimately changed into stones, but first into these.
- 7) To what goddess did Pygmalion pray before his statue was brought to life?
- 8) Who unknowingly slept with his own daughter Myrrha, who later turned into a myrrh tree?
- 9) Who was the son of Myrrha and her father?
- 10) What warning did Venus give to Myrrha's son? (answer not in word bank)
- 11) What was Atlanta's requirement for her husband? (answer not in word bank)
- 12) How did Hippomenes offend the goddess Venus and rouse her anger? (answer not in word bank)
- 13) Into what were Atlanta and Hippomenes turned?
- 14) Bacchus turned that Maenads who killed Orpheus into what?
- 15) Who granted Midas his wish for the 'Golden Touch'?
- 16) Because he disagreed with the decision that Apollo was a better musician than Pan, this person received donkey's ears.

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- 17) What Nereid and mother of Achilles changed form to escape her lover?
- 18) Who pitied Daedalion, mourning for his lost daughter Chione, and turned him into a hawk?
- 19) A wolf was sent by the Nereid Psamanthe to destroy the cattle of this man who had killed her son Phocus. Hint: He was also the father of Achilles.
- 20) What couple was changed into the kingfisher birds?
- 21) What sea goddess turned Aesacus into a 'diver-bird'?
- 22) What Greek prophet predicted that Troy would fall, but only after 10 years, after a snake devoured 9 birds and was changed into stone during a sacrifice?
- 23) Diana replaced this daughter of Agamemnon with a deer.
- 24) Made invulnerable to weapons by his father Neptune, this man was pummeled and choked Achilles until Neptune finally changed him into a swan.
- 25) So that she might never again be raped, this woman was transformed into a man.
- 26) Into what creature did Periclymenus changed himself before he was killed by Hercules?

## Medusa, 'Transformations': Ovid Books 13-15 Quiz

Palamedes	Achilles	Ajax	Aurora/Eos	Orion
Egeria	Hecuba	Polydorus	Memnon	Anius
Vertumnus	Tages	Acis	Glaucus	Scylla
Sibyl of Cumae	Anaxarete	Julius Caesar	Picus	Acmon
Aeneas	Alcinous	Romulus		

- 1) The ships of this man were turned into water nymphs by Cybele after Turnus tried to set fire to them.
- 2) A clod of earth transformed into this man, who taught the Etruscans to 'read' the entrails of animals to discover the will of the gods.
- 3) The ashes of this man—king of Ethiopia, killed by Achilles—transformed into birds, which annually fought each other.
- 4) This woman blinded King Polymestor of Thrace because he had wrongly murdered her son. The Thracians then began to attack her, and she turned into a dog.
- 5) The witch Circe turned her into a dog-legged monster, which then lived in a cave opposite the whirlpool Charybdis.
- 6) Iphis loved this woman, who turned to stone out of lack of emotion (after Iphis hung himself out of despair because she rejected him!).
- 7) The body of this man was buried in a mound in Thrace, upon which grew trees that bled when Aeneas unknowingly cut their branches. Aeneas later gave him a proper burial.
- 8) The first two letters of this man's name are on the petals of the hyacinth flower, which supposedly grew from his blood. He killed himself because the armor of Achilles was given to Odysseus.
- 9) This nymph was the wife of Numa Pompilius. She mourned for him until Diana transformed her into an eternal cool spring.
- 10) His father Mars changed him into the god Quirinus.
- 11) Venus transformed this famous Roman general into a star/comet when he became a god. This is the last transformation in Ovid's Metamorphoses.
- 12) The ship of this king of mythical Scheria was turned into stone by Poseidon (who was angry because this king had safely returned Odysseus to Ithaca).

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13) The tears of this goddess, mourning for her son Memnon, were turned into morning dew.

14) His daughters were turned into twin stars, called the Coronae, after offering themselves as human sacrifices.

15) This fisherman, having tasted magical grass on the shore, turned into a fish-tailed sea god.

16) This man was turned into a woodpecker after rejecting the advances of the witch Circe.

17) The spear of this famous Roman was transformed into a tree after it was lodged in the Palatine hillside.

18) Bacchus transformed this man's daughters into doves after Agamemnon wanted to exploit their ability to transform anything into food and wine.

19) This priestess of Apollo was granted a long life, but because she rejected Apollo's advances, lived 1000 years without eternal youth. She lived the last part of her life as a cicada/grasshopper.

20) This man was transformed into a reed and then into a water god after the Cyclops Polyphemus crushed him in a jealous rage over the Nereid Galatea.

## Medusa, 'Transformation': Others Quiz

Metis	husband	cuckoo	peacock	wife
Proteus	mare	Aphrodite/Venus	ram	stallion
Alcmene	Circe	Athena/Minerva	swan	Mentor
dolphins	Hera/Juno	Corona	Odysseus	Proteus

- 1) Zeus seduced Leda by changing himself into a \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Tyndareus was Leda's mortal \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Zeus changed himself into a \_\_\_\_\_ to seduce Hera.
- 4) When Zeus changed back into his true form and revealed himself to Hera, he promised to make her his \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Herakles was the child of Zeus & \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Demeter changed into a \_\_\_\_\_ to escape the advances of Poseidon.
- 7) In turn, Poseidon changed into a \_\_\_\_\_ to catch Demeter.
- 8) Poseidon abducted Theophane in the form of a \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_ convinced Cupid to disguise himself as Ascanius to fool Queen Dido.
- 10) This sea god had prophetic powers and the ability to change shapes. He helped Menelaus find his way home after the Trojan War. His name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) To test the piety of Jason, \_\_\_\_\_ turned herself into an old woman & asked Jason to carry her across a river.
- 12) \_\_\_\_\_ disguises herself as a huntress to inform Aeneas about Carthage and its queen, Dido.
- 13) Athena, disguised as \_\_\_\_\_, an old friend to Odysseus, visited Telemachus to advise him to see Nestor & Menelaus about their own travels after the fall of Troy.
- 14) Zeus swallowed \_\_\_\_\_, the goddess of wisdom.
- 15) After swallowing this goddess, Zeus gave birth to \_\_\_\_\_

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16) The garland from the wedding of Dionysus & Ariadne was transformed into the constellation \_\_\_\_\_

17) \_\_\_\_\_ disguised himself as a beggar when he returned home to Ithaca to trick the suitors who were ravaging his home.

18) \_\_\_\_\_ changed Odysseus's men into swine.

19) Dionysus changed his pirate kidnappers into \_\_\_\_\_

## Medusa, 'Transformation': Ovid Books. 10-15 and Others

Cupid	Orpheus	Orion	Chione	Venus
Cycnus	Periclymenus	Anaxarete	Glaucus	Ajax
Hecuba	Eos/Aurora	Circe	Romulus	Hera/Juno
Iphigenia	Jupiter	Thetis	Metis	Odysseus
Cerastae				

1. For what crime were the daughters of Propoetus punished? (answer not in word bank)
2. Who secretly sacrificed visitors at the altar of Jupiter and, as a result, were turned into bulls?
3. Who was ripped apart by Maenads, the crazed women later turned into oak trees?
4. What Nereid was unhappy about her marriage to the mortal Peleus to a mortal man and tried to change forms whenever her husband got near her?
5. Why did Daedalion throw himself off Mt. Parnassus? Apollo then changed him into a hawk. (answer not in word bank)
6. Who was replaced with a deer by Diana moments before she was to be sacrificed by her father, Agamemnon?
7. What son of Neptune was changed into a swan after being strangled by Achilles?
8. What son of Neptune was killed by Hercules after he changed himself into an eagle and started pecking at the hero?
9. What queen of Troy blinded King Polymestor for killing her son Polydorus after he had promised to protect him?

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Cerastae				

10. Whose blood produced the hyacinth flower after he committed suicide? (Hint: He killed all the Greek cattle in a fit of rage after Odysseus was awarded the armor of Achilles.)
11. Who ate some magical grass and was turned into a sea god?
12. Whose 2 daughters offered themselves as sacrifices to end a plague in Thebes? (Hint: As a reward for their sacrifice, his daughters were turned into twin stars, 'the Coronae.')
13. From whose tears does the morning dew flow?
14. This goddess turned Picus into a woodpecker after he rejected her amorous advances.
15. Who requested deification for her son Aeneas?
16. Who was changed into the god Quirinus?
17. Who rejected the amorous advances of Iphis (who then hung himself) and turned into an unfeeling stone when his funeral procession passed her house?
18. Who requested the deification of Julius Caesar?
19. Whose spear turned into a tree on the Palatine hill? (Hint: He was the first king of Rome.)
20. Who, transformed into Ascanius, fills Dido with passion for Aeneas?
21. Who tested Jason by changing herself into an old woman and asking him to carry her across a river?
22. This 'mother' of Athena/Minerva was changed into a fly and swallowed by Jupiter.