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Questions about **Arachne The Spinner**

Read the story **Arachne The Spinner** and the information below, then answer the questions. You may **print** the worksheet.

1. In modern day's world which country does the region of Lydia belong to? _____
2. What did Arachne's father do as a living? _____
3. What is purple dye and why only rich and powerful people could afford purple clothing in ancient times? _____

4. What was Arachne's profession? _____
5. What are nymphs and why would they visit Arachne? _____

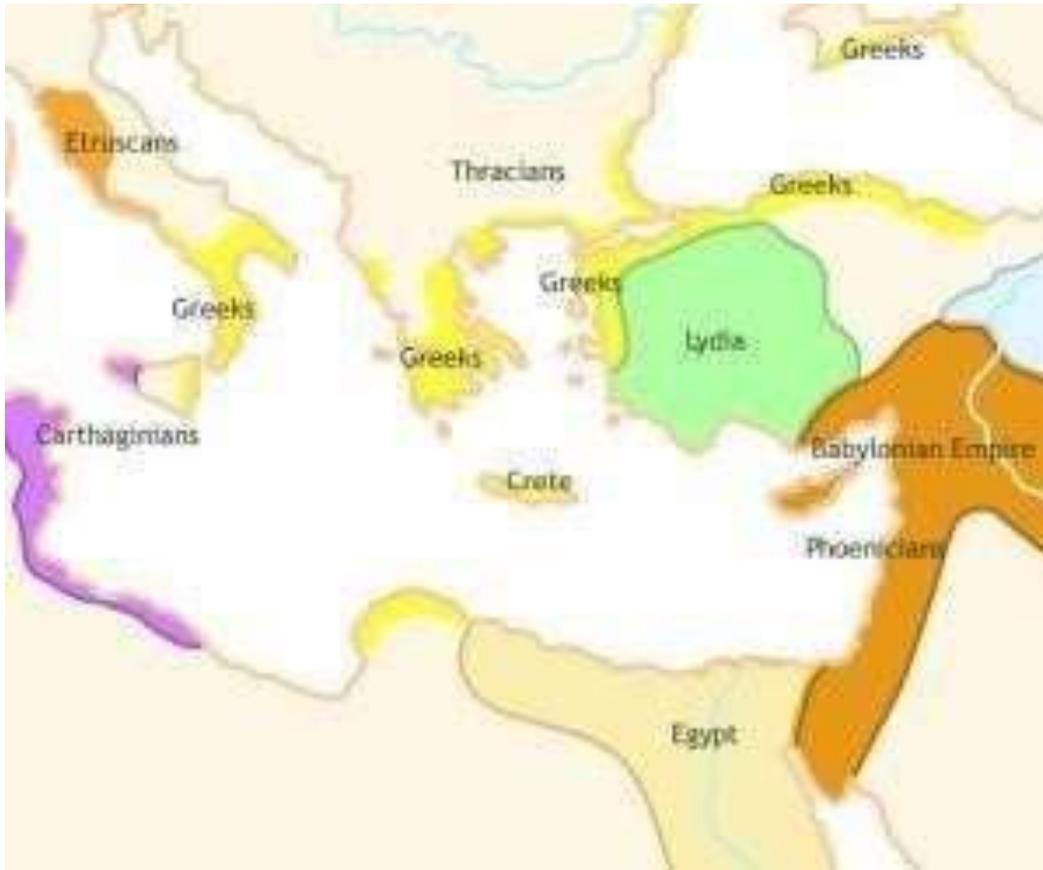
6. Who is Athena? _____
7. Who is Athena's father? _____
8. Which Greek city was named after Athena? _____
9. What kind of work would Arachne and Athena create during the competition? _____
10. Against whom did Athena fight about being the patron of Athens? _____
11. Who won the fight? _____
12. What did Athena turn Arachne into? _____
13. What does this myth explain? _____
14. Why are there dangers in being too clever and too skilled? _____

15. What was Arachne condemned to do for the rest of her life? _____
16. Which word is still today linked to the myth? _____

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Background information:

[1] Lydia was not part of Greece; it was not even a Greek-speaking country. It was in a region that now belongs to Turkey (ancient Asia Minor).



600BC (worldhistory.timemaps.com)

[2] Purple is a very expensive cloth dye extracted from a certain species of sea snails. In fact, to make only a few grams of purple more than 12,000 snails are necessary, which explains that in ancient times only the rich and powerful people could afford purple clothing.

[3] The Nymphs are mythological spirits of nature considered as daughters of Zeus.

[4] Athena is the daughter of Zeus. She is the goddess of wisdom and warfare, but also the protector of the arts and crafts. Athena's sacred animal, or symbol, is the owl.

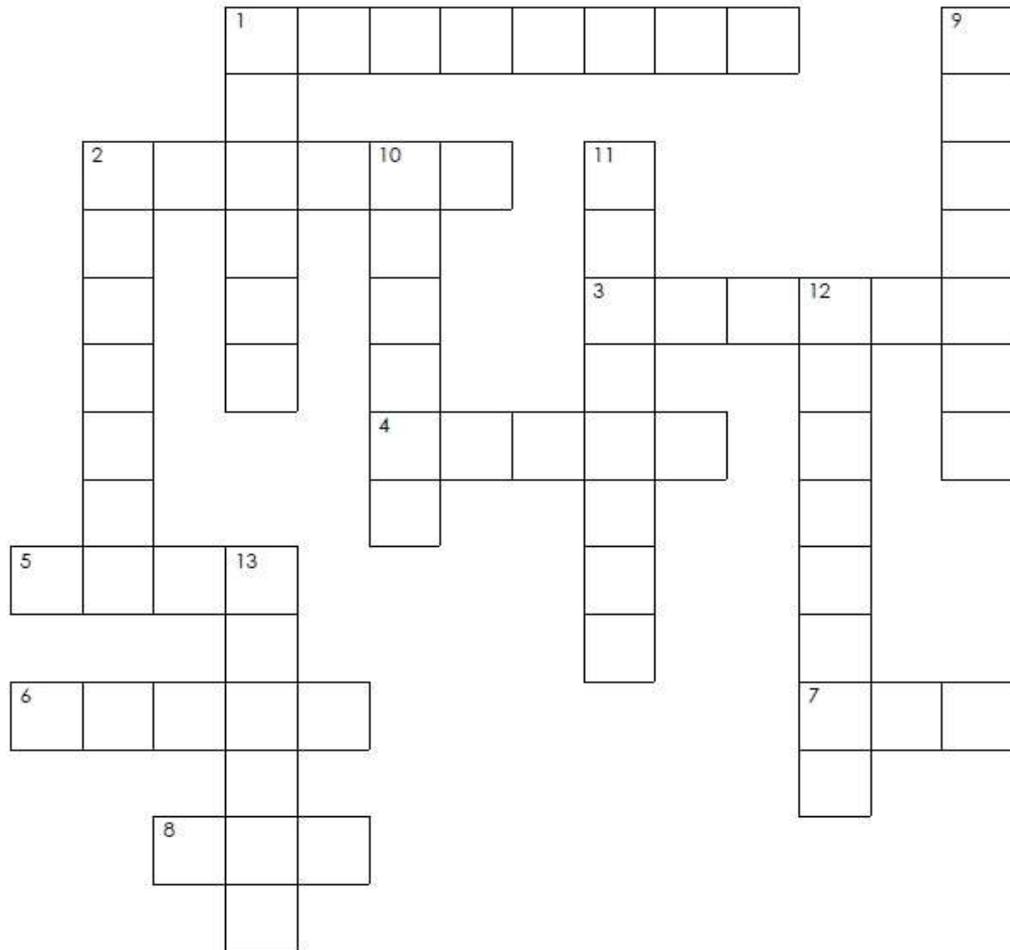
[5] Zeus is the supreme god of the ancient Greek; he is the father of the gods of Mount Olympus.

[6] Poseidon is the Greek god of the sea, earthquakes and horses. He is the brother of Zeus and one of the twelve gods of Mount Olympus. His sacred animal is the horse, so *Hippios* (Latin *Hippius*) is also one of his other names.

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Crosswords about **Arachne The Spinner**



Across: →

1. word still linked today to the myth
2. patron goddess of Athens
3. cloth dye extracted from sea snails
4. sacred animal of Poseidon
5. supreme god of ancient Greeks
6. place now part of Turkey
7. sacred animal of Athena
8. what spiders weave

Down: ↓

1. city named after the goddess Athena
2. talented spinner and weaver from Lydia
9. what Arachne challenged Athena to
10. mythological spirits of nature
11. what both women created
12. the brother of Zeus
13. animal Arachne was turned into

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Wordsearch about **Arachne The Spinner**

After reading the Greek myth of **Arachne the Spinner**, I invite you to this game of wordsearch inspired from the myth.

Print out and have fun searching for the words. Good luck!

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A	R	A	C	H	N	E	N	S	H	E	D
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List of words: Arachne, Athena, contest, goddess, nymphs, Poseidon, tapestry, weaver, web, Zeus.