GREEK MYTH OF ECHO AND NARCISSUS – STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS

1. Echo was a beautiful wood ___________ (fairy) but she had a problem with ______________ too much, especially in her efforts to assist ______________ whenever Hera (his wife) came looking for him.

2. How did Echo detain Hera? _________________________________________________________

3. Because Hera was angered by Echo’s actions, a curse was placed upon the girl forcing her to only _____________________________.
   (Found in the text at lines ____ - _____.)

4. Unlike Echo, Narcissus was a ________________ of sixteen and but also very ________________.

5. Despite Echo’s attempts of winning the affection of Narcissus, he furiously responded, “One touch of ____________________________ would __________ me.”

6. Echo cried out begging to be killed from the cruelty of his words and the goddess ________________ heard her and decided to punish Narcissus.

7. Though Echo died, her ________________ lived on among the __________ and answered others when called.

8. Due to his cruelty with Echo, Narcissus was forced to fall in love with his own __________ in the pool of water.

9. What does it mean to be parched? ____________________________________________

10. Unfortunately, he could not tear himself away from the image and eventually faded away, with his ____________ broken.

11. His last words were “______________, ____________, ________________.”

12. Explain how Echo’s love for Narcissus was “unrequited.” ____________________________
13. Describe at least one lesson taught in this myth and identify where in the text evidence can be found to support your answer. ____________________________________________

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14. Identify one item from the myth that has symbolic qualities (has more than one meaning) and explain those qualities. For example – How might the pool of water be symbolic? Or what does the Narcissus flower represent? ________________________________

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15. This myth is unusual in that it has more than one protagonist and more than one antagonist. Identify who you believe are the protagonists and then who would be their antagonists.

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