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The story of Orpheus is very famous in Greek mythology. Orpheus loved his wife, Eurydice, very much. One day, Eurydice was bitten by a snake and died. Orpheus was very sad and decided to go to the underworld to bring her back.

Orpheus found a cave that led to the underworld. He played beautiful music on his lyre, and it helped him to make Cerberus, the three-headed dog calm. He also convinced Hades, the god of the underworld, to let Eurydice return. But Hades gave him one rule: Orpheus must walk in front of Eurydice and not look back until they are out of the underworld.

As they walked, Orpheus listened to Eurydice's footsteps. But as they got close to the exit, they passed a noisy waterfall, and Orpheus couldn't hear her steps anymore. He got worried and turned around to check. Sadly, Eurydice was pulled back into the underworld because Orpheus broke the rule.

Orpheus was heartbroken. He left the cave, crying. People say this happened in the Rhodope Mountains in Bulgaria. They also say that rivers started flowing from the spot where Orpheus cried.

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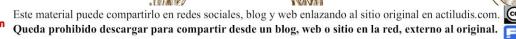
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QUESTIONS

- 1. This myth belongs to...
- a)
- b)
- c) Greek mythology
- d)
- 2. What animal bit Eurydice?
- a)
- b)
- c) A snake
- d)
- 3. Who was the god of the underworld?
- a) Hades
- b) Orpheus
- c) Eurydice
- d) Cerberus
- 4. What rule did Hades impose on the couple?
- a) Orpheus had to walk in front of Eurydice
- b) Orpheus and Eurydice had to walk blindfolded
- c) They couldn't say a word
- d) They had to run as fast as they could
- 5. What made Orpheus look back?
- a) Something touched his shoulder
- b) There was a light behind them
- c) He heard his wife scream
- d) He didn't hear Eurydice's footsteps



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