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## The Tale of Persephone and the Changing Seasons

### Short Answer Key

1. Persephone's abduction caused the Earth to wither and the crops to die due to her mother Demeter's grief and mourning.
2. Hades agreed to let Persephone go, but only if she had not eaten anything in the Underworld.
3. The myth of Persephone explains that the changing seasons on Earth are a result of Persephone spending part of the year with her mother Demeter (spring and summer) and part of the year with Hades (autumn and winter).
4. Zeus sent Hermes to negotiate with Hades because he saw the suffering on Earth caused by Persephone's abduction and wanted to bring about a resolution.
5. Persephone's consumption of pomegranate seeds in the Underworld resulted in her having to return to Hades for a portion of each year, which explains the arrival of autumn and winter.

