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## The Fates and the Furies: Agents of Destiny and Retribution in Greek Mythology

### Short Answer Key

1. Clotho spun the thread of life, Lachesis measured it to determine one's life path, and Atropos cut it, signifying the end of a person's life.
2. The Furies tormented wrongdoers with madness and guilt until justice was served or the guilty party was driven to madness.
3. An example of the Furies' role is their pursuit of Orestes after he avenged his father's murder by killing his mother, Clytemnestra.
4. The Furies played a significant role in pursuing justice within the House of Atreus cycle, particularly in seeking retribution for gruesome crimes committed by family members.
5. The Furies pursued justice through torment and madness, and they had terrifying appearances with snakes for hair and eyes that dripped with blood.

