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## Mythological Tale: The Quest for the Golden Apple

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The competition among the gods reflected their individual attributes and strengths. Athena represented wisdom, Apollo represented music and prophecy, and Hermes represented swiftness and cunning. The competition allowed each deity to showcase their unique qualities.
2. Answers may vary, but a comparison could include Athena's intellectual challenges, Apollo's musical skills, and Hermes's agility. Their strengths were essential in overcoming their respective obstacles.
3. The Golden Apple symbolized ultimate power and prestige in Olympus. It was a tangible representation of the winner's superiority among the gods and served as a testament to their abilities.
4. Paris's role added fairness and impartiality to the competition because he was a mortal, not influenced by divine favoritism. He based his decision on the merits of the quests and the gods' performances.
5. Answers may vary, but a thoughtful response might consider whether bravery and wisdom should be the sole criteria for determining the mightiest among the gods, or if other qualities should be taken into account.

