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Mythological Tale: Persephone and the Seasons

Short Answer Key

1. The earthquake and the crack in the ground caused the earth's barrenness and famine by allowing Hades to emerge and abduct Persephone to the underworld.
2. Hades decided to take Persephone to the underworld because he wanted to make her his queen. He gave her a pomegranate seed before she left.
3. Zeus commanded Hades to bring Persephone back to the world above, and this command resulted in the cycle of changing seasons on earth.
4. Persephone played a crucial role in the changing of the seasons because her time spent in the underworld with Hades caused winter, while her time with Demeter brought spring and summer. She had to spend part of each year with Hades due to eating a pomegranate seed in the underworld.
5. Demeter's emotions and actions influenced the world in the story by causing the earth to flourish with life and warmth when Persephone was with her, and wither into winter when Persephone returned to the underworld. Her grief and neglect of her duties as the goddess of agriculture had a direct impact on the mortal world.

