

a TOUCH of CHAOS READING GUIDE

1. Persephone and Hades have a very close relationship. How is it different to see them apart from each other at the beginning of this book? How is it affecting each of them?
2. What toll does Demeter's death have on Persephone? Even though they weren't close in life, why does her death hit Persephone so hard?
3. There is a terrifying scene where Theseus rapes Helen. How does this scene delve into the psyche of Theseus? How does it show the true depth of his evilness?
4. Aphrodite holds games to honor the dead and force Theseus into the open. Why does this cause greater problems for the Olympians?
5. How does the death of Apollo change things for the Olympians? Does his death mark something different in the war against Theseus?
6. Dionysus is desperately in love with Ariadne. How does their relationship differ from Theseus' relationship with Ariadne? How does Dionysus earn her trust after the way Theseus treated her?
7. Why does Dionysus go to help Medusa? What makes her important to him? Overall, why do you think Dionysus helps women who have been in bad situations?
8. Hades decides that he needs to confront Theseus himself in order to win the war. He must lose a game to him. Why does this scene portray how much Hades has changed since the beginning of the series?
9. There are many strong women portrayed throughout this story: Persephone, Lexa, Sybil, Harmonia, Zofie, Aphrodite, Hecate, and Ariadne, just to name a few. How do these women's stories portray a feminist sense of power? How do their shared and separate struggles bring them together as women?
10. Persephone is finally made Queen of the Underworld at the end of this story, and she is completely ready for it. How has her story arc changed throughout the series? How have she and Hades changed each other for the better?