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Gilgamesh & Genesis

Directions: Answer the questions below based on your reading of both the Gilgamesh Flood Narrative handout and the Flood Narratives in Genesis.

1. Why did the divine council create Enkidu? What did the council have to do to make Enkidu suitable for the purpose for which he was created?
2. How was Enkidu changed as a result of the knowledge he acquired from the "wise woman"?
3. What motivates Gilgamesh to seek immortality?
4. How did Utnapishtim and his wife become immortal?
5. In a paragraph, briefly summarize the plot of the Gilgamesh flood narrative.

6. In two columns, compare the major features of the flood narratives of Gilgamesh and Noah. What do the two stories have in common? In what ways does the Gilgamesh account differ significantly from Genesis?

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7. Are there any themes, characters, or concepts that appear in the Gilgamesh Epic that are similar to themes that appear elsewhere in Genesis? List them, and explain where the connection to Genesis is found.