Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Medusa's power to turn people to stone symbolized the consequences of breaking social or moral rules, warning Greeks about the dangers of crossing cultural boundaries.

2. Europeans read dragons as greedy, destructive beasts, while Chinese traditions treated them as benevolent forces tied to rain and good fortune, so the same creature carried opposite meanings.

Multiple Choice

1. D

2. A

3. C

Matching

1-E, 2-A, 3-D, 4-B, 5-C

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Perseus, 2) Feather, 3) Feathered

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Hybrid beings reflected anxieties about blurred boundaries and symbolized divine or supernatural power.

Q2: Monster myths gave meaning to uncontrollable forces like storms, floods, or plagues by framing them as battles with supernatural beings.

Q3: Ancient monsters continue to resonate because they embody universal fears and struggles, making them timeless symbols in storytelling.