

Identify, Locate, Synthesize Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS: Pick one passage from the Hesiod's *Theogony*, and develop a thesis based on what you are able to analyze in the space below using the Identify, Locate, and Synthesize system. This exercise will help you develop a tenable question and is practice for Essay #3.

IDENTIFY – WRITE ONE ASPECT of the text that **you** think is the most important (this will help you define your thesis).

LOCATE – FIND EVIDENCE based on your identification within the text and reproduce it below.

SYNTHESIZE – ASK “HOW?” OR “WHY?” you came to your original thesis in the identification portion of this handout (e.g., what about the language of the text leads you to make your thesis statement? How does the language subvert or encourage your reading? What makes this synthesis important? Why does it matter? Why should other readers care about your analysis?)