Persephone and the Seasons

Pre-reading: Write about the four seasons and how they change. How do you know?

1. According to the first paragraph. What are the responsibilities of Demeter? Who gave her this responsibility?
2. In Paragraph 4, the chariots raced across the ground and a huge cleft opened up. Using details from the passage what does the word cleft mean?
3. What are the results of Hades taking Persephone away?
4. What will the penalty be if Hades does not let Persephone leave the underworld? Explain the situation using details from the passage.
5. What is the problem/conflict in the story?
6. Which of the following shows ways the gods attempted to solve the problem?
7. Persephone went out to meet her friends and pick flowers with them.
8. Zeus called a meeting of the gods.
9. Hermes was sent to talk to Hades.
10. Persephone ate pomegranate seeds.
11. Hermes and Hades came to an agreement.
12. Demeter put on bright clothes and began to work.
13. Describe what happens on Earth when Persephone has to go back to the Underworld. What descriptions does the passage give you prove you answer.
14. What scientific question were the Ancient Greeks trying to answer with this Myth? What was their answer?