Mr. Valentine’s 10th Grade English – Study Guide for Unit 1, Week 3 – The Tales of Anansi

1. After the Bantu migrations around the first century AD, what were the three main kingdoms to prosper in Africa, and what were they known for?

2. What three monotheistic religions rose and gained popularity in the Middle East and Africa?

3. Where did the Anansi stories originate?

4. In “Anansi Tries to Steal All the Wisdom in the World,” what is ironic about Anansi’s interactions with his son?

5. How does the term “exemplum” apply to “Anansi and the Turtle”?

6. In the Anansi stories, who originally has all the stories in the world?

7. What is his price for these stories?

8. How does Anansi use his wits and cleverness to overcome the python, the leopard, the hornets, and the fairy?

9. How is Anansi obtaining stories and bringing them back to the people like the Hero’s Journey?

10. How do the stories “Anansi and the Gub-Gub Peas” or “Anansi and the Rope” make use of vernacular and eye dialect?