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Reading Guide for *The Epic of Gilgamesh*:

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

**"The Coming of Enkidu"**

1. Why is it significant that Gilgamesh has one divine parent and one mortal parent?
2. Why do you think Gilgamesh peels off his clothing after hearing Enkidu’s dream?
3. Why does Enkidu believe his death will be a shameful one?
4. How would you describe the afterlife depicted in Enkidu’s dream?

**“The Search for Everlasting Life”**

1. Why does Gilgamesh want to go in search of the immortal Utnapishtim?
2. What test must Gilgamesh pass to get the help of the Man-Scorpions?
3. What quality or behavior do you think is most helpful to Gilgamesh in overcoming obstacles on his journey?