

## **Suggested General Questions For Teachers To Use**

The initial question can be asked of students of all ages.  
Subsidiary questions are for older kids or for more advanced study.

**Who is the key hero or heroine in this episode?** Why? Defend the answer if there could be more than one. Who is more important, the hero or the heroine (if both are involved). Why?

**Who is the key opponent in this episode?** Why? Defend the answer if there could be more than one.  
Note: Sometimes the villain may be obvious, as in a few of the episodes featuring one or more artisan-antagonists or angry clansmen. If so, ask why is this person is attacking or causing a problem. Is there a reasonable argument that would support their point of view? Can you set up a class debate with students assigned to defend each side in the conflict?

**Do any of the gods (Celatta, Vishnu, Shiva, or Kali) take sides in this episode?** If so, why is this? What is the larger, cosmic perspective those gods might have on what is happening?

**Can you describe the local geography that is a part of this episode?**

**What are the key locations where the actions in this episode take place?**

**What specific family values are highlighted in this episode?** (In a few episodes important family bonds between the various gods are mentioned too)

**What social or community values are highlighted in this episode?**

**What ecological values (like pride in the land and its abundance) are expressed in this episode?**

**What does this episode tell you about local political traditions?** (This question is relevant to only some of the episodes).

**Is there any economic information supplied in this episode?**

**What did you find surprising in this episode?** (Discuss the dress, character behaviours, geography, food any other things students might have noticed.... as relevant)

**Was there anything magical in this episode?** Why do you think those events/surprises were there?

**Do you know any other stories that you can relate to (some part) of what you just saw?**

**Were there things in this episode that can best be explained by what happened earlier on in the story?** (You can cite a curse that was laid on someone, for example, or anger inside someone about something that happened previously)

**Do you think anything in this episode might impact on what will happen later on in the story?**

**Is there something you did not understand in this episode? Did anything trouble you?**

**Were there any magical animals in this episode? What significance do you think they had? Why were they there?**