List of Characters in Story of Gilgamesh

* Anu: father of the gods
* Aruru: mother of the gods; creates Enkidu
* Bull of Heaven: drought personified; sent to punish Gilgamesh and Enkidu
* Ea: god of the freshwater ocean below; warns Utnapishtim to build an ark
* Enkidu: wild man who becomes Gilgamesh’s buddy
* Enlil: divine ruler of earth and humans
* Ereshkigal: goddess of the underworld of the dead
* Gilgamesh: king of Uruk
* Humbaba: monster guardian of the cedar forest
* Ishtar: goddess of love and war
* Lugalbanda: Gilgamesh’s personal god
* Ninsun: goddess mother of Gilgamesh
* Priest of Kullab: Gilgamesh’s human father
* Siduri: a goddess of wine/beer; tavern keeper
* Scorpion people: guard the passage to the underground garden of the gods
* Shamash: god of the sun; befriends Gilgamesh
* Shamhat: cultic prostitute
* Trapper and his father
* Urshanabi: boatman who brings Gilgamesh to Utnapishtim
* Utnapishtim: Sumerian version of Noah; made immortal along with his wife after the great flood.