

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.