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### *The Burning Sky* Quiz - What is Your Elemental Power?

*Elemental magic was elder magic, a direct, primordial connection between the mage and the universe, needing no words or procedures as intermediaries.*

An elemental mage is able to control one of the elements: fire, water, earth, or air. A great elemental mage is able to control all four. But a great elemental mage has not been seen in a thousand years. For Iolanthe Seabourne, fire is easy. Fireballs dance and sparks fly from her fingers. It is a natural ability that makes her powers superior.

What about you? If you had a connection with one element, what would it be? Find out with this quiz! Then discover if Iolanthe Seabourne really is the greatest elemental made of her generation in Sherry Thomas's *The Burning Sky*.

#### 1. What's your astrological sign?

- a. Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius
- b. Capricorn, Taurus, or Virgo
- c. Pisces, Cancer, or Scorpio
- d. Aquarius, Gemini, or Libra

#### 2. Your dream vacation is:

- a. Paris, Las Vegas, New York – a bustling hotspot where you can see and be seen.
- b. Hiking the Grand Canyon – an adventure that gets you outdoors and staying active.
- c. The Caribbean – any island provides plenty of opportunities for relaxation and reflection.
- d. Italy or Greece – from historical ruins to museums and fabulous dining you'll never get bored.

#### 3. We'll admit it: we all have a character flaw. What's the one quality you would change about yourself?

- a. Your temper. You tend to lose your cool sometimes.
- b. Your stubbornness.
- c. Your tendency to zone out.
- d. Your nosiness.

**4. There is a new student this semester at your school. You...**

- a. Introduce yourself and offer to show her around campus.
- b. Say hello and welcome her to the school before hurrying to your first class.
- c. Smile and continue on your way. If she needs something, she'll probably ask.
- d. Don't say anything. You're not being mean, you just get nervous meeting new people.

**5. Two of your best friends are fighting. Where do you stand?**

- a. You talk with each of them separately about the other. So what if it adds fuel to the fire? They need to vent!
- b. You don't understand why they're arguing. Someone is wrong and someone is right. There is no gray area.
- c. You listen to both sides of the story and try and figure out a solution. You're good at reading a situation.
- d. You try and get them to talk to each other face to face. Once they communicate in a healthy manner, their issues are sure to be resolved.

**6. If you could major in any subject in college, it would be:**

- a. Theater – on stage or behind the scenes, you want to run the show.
- b. Math – it's logical and useful. Plain and simple.
- c. Art history – combining the concrete nature of history, with the emotional nature of art, appeals to multiple parts of your personality.
- d. Philosophy – you love discussions and thinking outside boundaries. These classes sound like your cup of tea.

**Mostly A's – Fire**

Filled with energy and a burning passion for living life to the fullest, you embody FIRE. Those around you love your enthusiasm and optimism. You are outgoing and love helping others. Sometimes your energy can flare up in less-than-flattering form, and those that are on the wrong side of your temper are sure to get burned. Be careful and try and look before you leap (or throw a fireball at someone) and you're destined for great power.

**Mostly B's – Earth**

Grounded and practical, you command EARTH. You look at things logically and with a level-head. You work hard and are usually very extroverted, sharing your thoughts and ideas with others. Yet sometimes, you can be a bit stubborn. For those around you, trying to get you to see a different viewpoint, or take a break from work, can seem as difficult as moving mountains. Know that your strength and strong will wield great amounts of power, and relaxing every once in a while won't change that.

**Mostly C's – Water**

Like Fire, you are full of passion, but WATER is a quieter, more controlled passion. You throw yourself into whatever you do, and exhibit a strength that often surprises those around you. You're intuitive and tactful in your relationships with others. Make sure to use your powers for good, though—with your keen senses, you also have the ability to be extremely manipulative. People can easily get swept under your charms and it can be difficult for you to stay aware of personal boundaries.

### **Mostly D's – Air**

With your serene nature and cool demeanor, you glide through life on AIR. You are great at communication and tend to be a mediator when trouble is brewing between others. You have a clear head, and tend to remain calm in high-pressure situations. Just make sure your ability to detach yourself from a situation doesn't come across as being aloof! And don't completely block out your emotions—sometimes your heart is just as good of a guide.

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—When her guardian purposefully ruins her meticulously prepared potion to prevent her from performing a rite at a local wedding, 16-year-old Iolanthe Seabourne tries to revive it by bringing down a bolt of lightning and instead brings down a load of trouble. Turns out, Iolanthe has been kept hidden her whole life because of a prophecy that she would destroy the Bane, a powerful mage and tyrant who rules the Realm. The teen would be happy lying low, but Prince Titus has spent his life training to avenge his family and restore power to his throne, and he is determined that she fulfill her destiny. The fun begins when Titus brings Iolanthe to London—real, nonmagical London—and pressures her to enroll in Eton College with him disguised as a boy named Arthur Fairfax. Though Iolanthe is initially furious at Titus, romance quickly begins to crackle as they plot how to save the Realm. This first book in a trilogy thankfully lacks a cliff-hanger ending, instead promising more adventures in a vividly realized fantasy world.—Eliza Langhans, Hatfield Public Library, MA(c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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Two teen mages plot to overthrow the Bane, the despotic conqueror of their domain, in this trilogy opener. Prince Titus has spent his entire life preparing for his deceased mother's prophecy, in which he sacrifices his life to defeat the Bane, with the aid of a great elemental mage. When the sign he has been waiting for comes—a summoned lightning bolt that sets the sky ablaze—he races to protect this rare and important mage, only to discover an untried girl named Iolanthe. She has led a quiet life studying to be a scholar but is now hiding in an unfamiliar world—nineteenth-century London—at a boy's school. She is ill prepared for the destiny Titus claims is hers, yet she needs him to survive long enough to decide. Titus is prepared to die—is she? It's easy to confuse the details of this multiworld, multi-magic-system fantasy, but it's just as easy to be absorbed by the delicious, troubled romance between Titus and Iolanthe and their desperate situation. Strong focus on characters and world building make this a fantasy saga to watch. Grades 8-11. -- Krista Hutley

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**Joseph Herbst:**

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### **Erik Garcia:**

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### **Tyler Cote:**

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