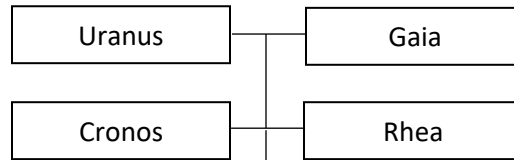




Greek Mythology

Gods and Goddesses



Hestia	Demeter	Hera	Hades	Poseidon	Zeus
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Athena	Ares	Hephaestus	Aphrodite	Apollo	Artemis	Hermes	Dionysus
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Book List:

1. Homer's the Iliad and the Odyssey
- Several abridged versions available
2. Percy Jackson's Greek Gods by Rick Riordan
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King of the Gods

God of the Sky, Thunder, Lightning, Order, Law, Justice

Married to: Hera (and various consorts)

Symbols: Thunderbolt, Eagle, Oak, Bull

Children: MANY, including; Aphrodite, Apollo, Ares, Artemis, Athena, Dionysus, Hermes, Persephone, Hercules, Helen of Troy, Perseus and the Muses

Interesting Story: When father, Cronos, swallowed all of Zeus' siblings (Hestia, Demeter, Hera, Hades and Poseidon) Zeus was the one who killed Cronos and rescued them.

Roman Name: Jupiter



Poseidon

God of the Sea

Storms, Earthquakes, Horses

Married to: Amphitrite (various consorts)

Symbols: Trident, Fish, Dolphin, Horse

Children: Theseus, Triton, Polyphemus, Atlas, Pegasus, Orion and more

Interesting Story: Has a hatred of Odysseus for blinding Poseidon's son, the Cyclops Polyphemus.

Roman Name: Neptune

Hades



God of the Underworld

The Dead, Riches

Married to: Persephone

Symbols: Serpent, Cerberus the Three Headed Dog

Children: Zagreus, Macaria, possibly others

Interesting Story: Hades tricked his “wife” Persephone into eating pomegranate seeds from the Underworld, binding her to him and forcing her to live in the Underworld for part of each year.

Roman Name: Pluto

Hestia



Goddess of the Hearth
Home, Family

Married to: None

Symbols: The Hearth and it's Fire

Children: None

Interesting Story: Hestia rejected all offers of marriage, swearing herself to perpetual virginity.

Roman Name: Vesta

Demeter



Goddess of the Harvest Agriculture, Fertility

Married to: Zeus briefly (other consorts)

Symbols: Cornucopia, Wheat, Bread

Children: Persephone, Arion, Philomelus and more

Interesting Story: When Persephone returns from the Underworld, Demeter is overjoyed to be reunited with her daughter and thus begins Spring. When Persephone returns to Hades after each harvest, Demeter falls into despair, and winter begins.

Roman Name: Ceres

Hera



Goddess of Marriage
Women, Childbirth

Married to: Zeus

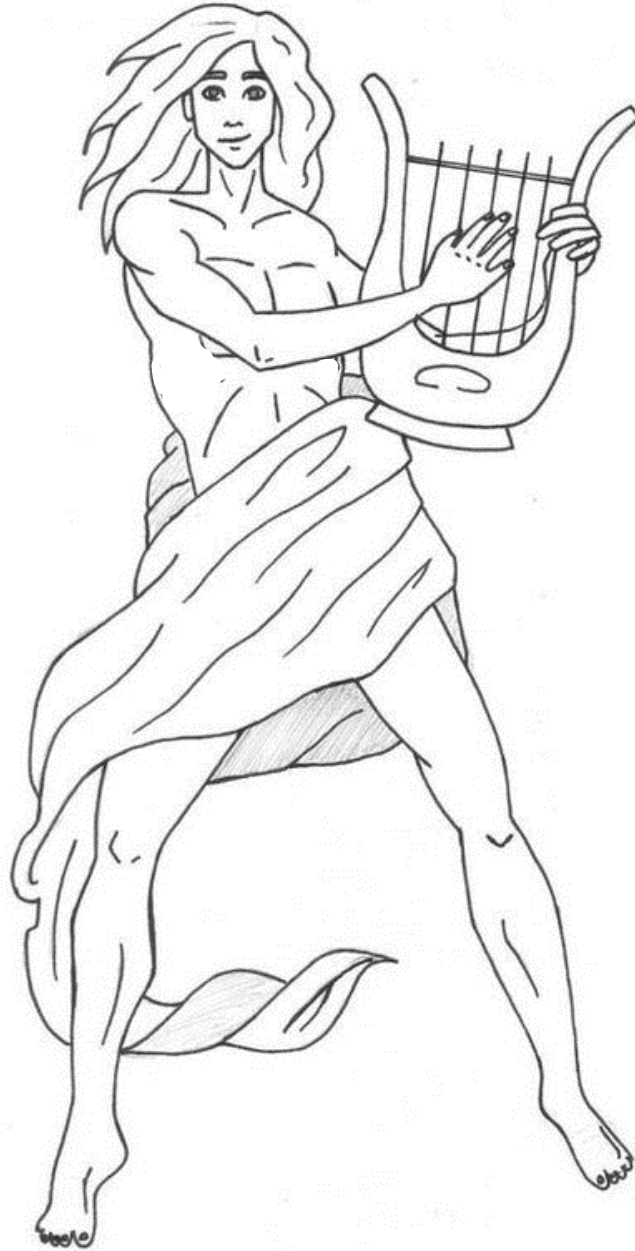
Symbols: peacock feather, cow, lily

Children: Ares, Hephaestus and more

Interesting Story: Zeus' son from a mortal woman, Heracles (Hercules) was named for Hera, but Hera was an extremely jealous goddess and tried to kill Heracles several times.

Roman Name: Juno

Apollo



God of the Sun

Archery, Healing, Music

Married to: had many consorts

Symbols: Lyre, Laurel Wreath, Bow & Arrows

Children: Many including; Agreus, Centaurus, and Orpheus

Interesting Story: The theme of the Illiad was “the anger of Apollo.” Apollo sided with Troy during the Trojan war and guided Paris’ arrow to defeat Achilles.

Roman Name: Apollo

Artemis



Goddess of the Hunt The Moon, Wild Animals

Married to: None

Symbols: Quiver, Moon, Deer

Children: None

Interesting Story: Artemis' temple in Ephesus is recognized as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Artemis is the twin sister of Apollo.

Roman Name: Diana

Aphrodite



Goddess of Love

Beauty, Passion

Married to: Hephaestus (many consorts, including Ares)

Symbols: Rose, Mirror, Swan

Children: Eros (Cupid) and many more

Interesting Story: There are various stories of Aphrodite's birth, one being that she formed from the foam of the sea near the island of Cyprus.

Roman Name: Venus

Hephaestus



God of the Forge

Blacksmiths, Stone Masonry, Technology

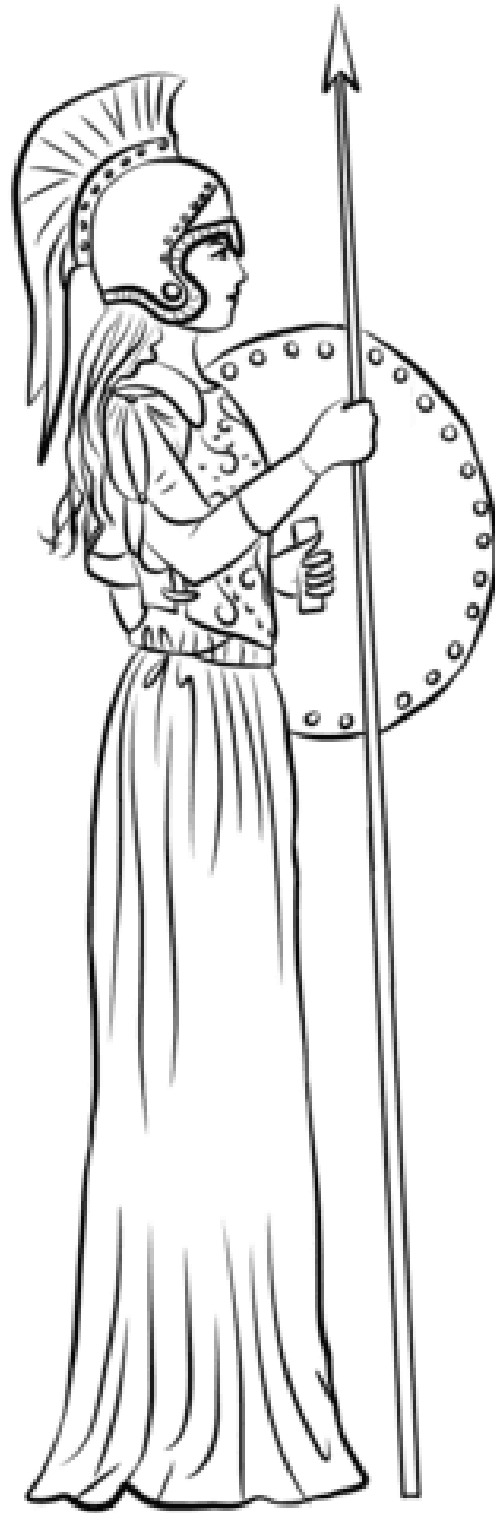
Married to: Aphrodite, Aglaea

Symbols: Hammer, Anvil, Volcano

Children: Thalia, Euthena, more

Interesting Story: When Hephaestus was born, Hera, his mother, threw him off Mount Olympus because of his deformity. He fell into the ocean, was raised by Thetis and later returned to Olympus.

Roman Name: Vulcan



Athena

Goddess of Wisdom
Handicraft, War

Married to: None

Symbols: Olive Trees, Armor, Spears

Children: No natural children

Interesting Story: Athena was born from the head of Zeus, fully grown and armed. Athena competed with Poseidon for the patronage of the city of Athens and won.

Roman Name: Minerva

Ares



God of War

Married to: (consort) Aphrodite, others

Symbols: Sword, flaming torch, vulture

Children: Eros, Deimos, Phobos, and more

Interesting Story: Ares and Aphrodite were famous lovers, but most of the Olympians considered Ares to be barbaric. The city of Sparta, however, thought of him as the model soldier.

Roman Name: Mars

Hermes



God of Travelers

Messengers, Thieves, Athletes

Married to: Merope (other consorts)

Symbols: Caduceus (staff with two serpents winding around it), Talaria (winged sandals)

Children: Pan, Eudorus, Angelia, and more

Interesting Story: Odysseus is Hermes' great-grandson and Hermes' helps him many times during his journey.

Roman Name: Mercury



Dionysus

God of the Vine Wine, Theater

Married to: Ariadne

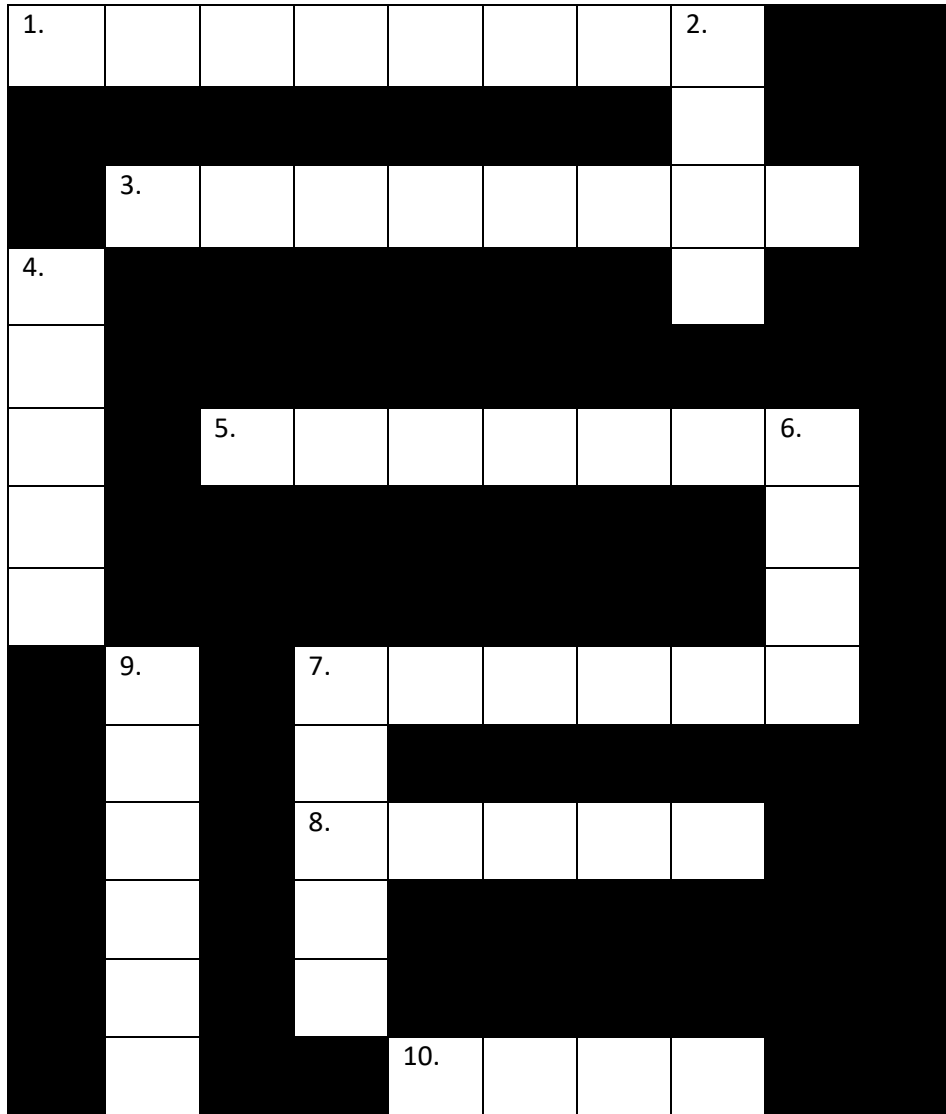
Symbols: Thyrsus (staff with vines), grapevine, ivy, goat, chalice

Children: Priapus, Hymen, the Graces and more

Interesting Story: Though Dionysus was the inventor and god of wine, he does not condone drunkenness, but only the appropriate consumption of wine that is good for the body and mind.

Roman Name: Bacchus/ Liber

Greek Gods and Goddesses Crossword Puzzle



- Across**
1. Born from the foam of the ocean
 3. God of the ocean
 5. Mother of Persephone
 7. First to be born, last to come up
 8. Roman for Artemis
 10. King

- Down**
2. Also known as Cupid
 4. Inspiration of songs and poetry
 6. Saved Zeus from being swallowed
 7. Keeper of Cerberus
 9. Born from a headache



The Birth of the Gods

Cronos was the youngest son of Uranus and Gaia. Prompted by Gaia, Cronos successfully led a rebellion against the tyrannical Uranus and used a sickle to destroy him. Soon, however, Cronos grew as tyrannical as his father had been and feared being overpowered by his future children. Rhea, Cronos' wife and sister, became pregnant and gave birth to a goddess, Hestia. Cronos promptly swallowed the infant. Four more children, Demeter, Hera, Hades and Poseidon were born of Cronos and Rhea, and four more children were ingested by their father. When Rhea became pregnant for a sixth time, she tricked Cronos, giving him a stone to swallow. Rhea hid the child, Zeus, and when he was old enough he disguised himself as a servant of Cronos. Zeus slipped his father a cup of poisoned drink forcing him to vomit up in reverse order, Poseidon, Hades, Hera, Demeter and Hestia. Zeus then led his siblings along with other allies into a decade long war to overthrow Cronos and the other titans.

Zeus named himself King of the Gods and ruler of the sky. He gave the seas to be ruled by Poseidon, and the Underworld to be ruled by Hades. Zeus was little better than his father, swallowing his first wife who was pregnant. Later, suffering from a tremendous headache, Athena was born through Zeus' forehead. Zeus had many wives and many children. He was a selfish god, given to anger and tricking others to do what he wanted them to. He was never faithful to his wives and was not known to be a good father. He wasn't so much loved as feared by those who worshipped him. The Greek civilization worshipped the Olympian gods for thousands of years, then the Romans adopted them, changed a bit, and continued worship for a couple of thousand more years.



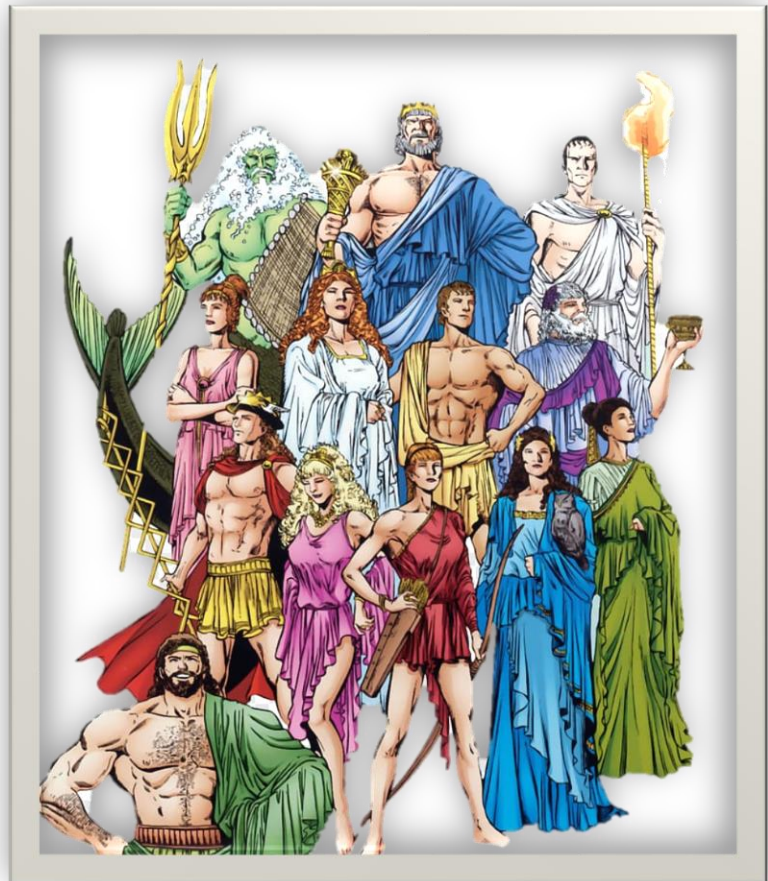
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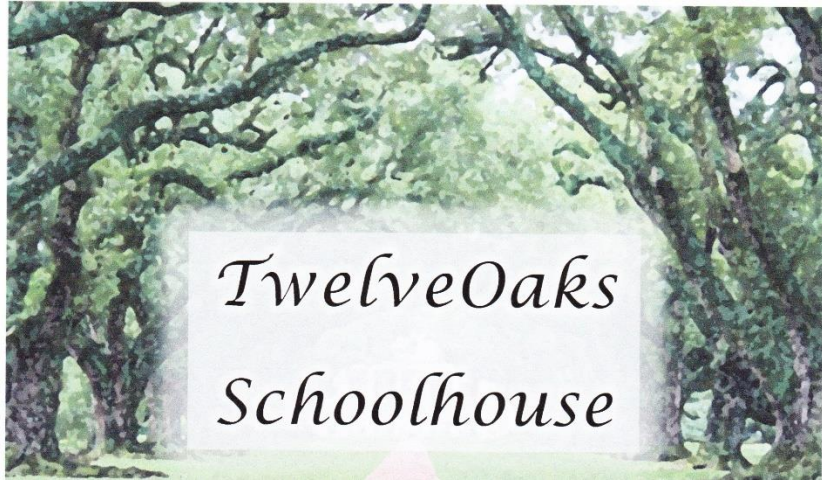
Discussion Questions

1. How did Gaia convince Cronos to overthrow his father?
2. Why did Cronos swallow his children?
3. How did Rhea hide Zeus and how did he then overthrow Cronos?
4. Name some similarities between Zeus and his father. Differences?
5. Why do you think the Greek gods were worshipped for so long?
6. Why were they called Olympians?

Extra Activities

1. Read a novel based on Greek Mythology (examples given on first page). Write a book report
2. Make a complete Greek God Family Tree
3. Make a DIY Lyre
4. Practice archery
5. Write an essay on one of the Greek Gods





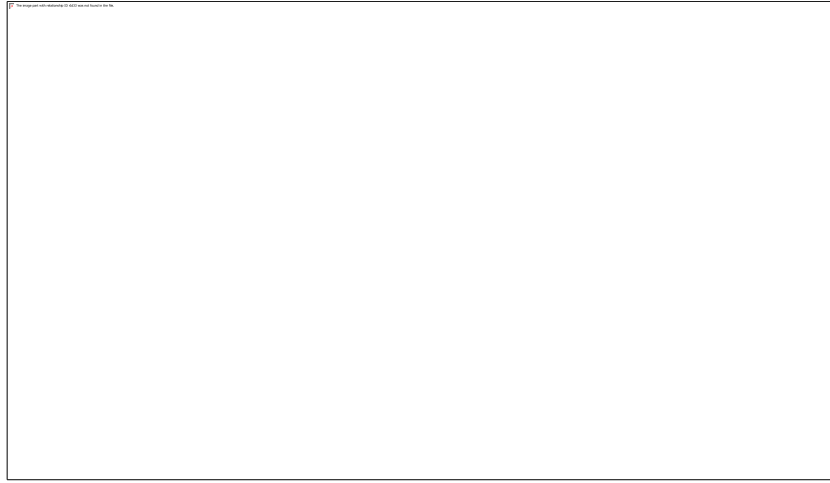
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