

Egyptian Mythology

Gods and Goddesses



Ancient Egypt was greatly influenced by Greek culture since Alexander the Great came through in 332 BC. Many of the god's names are known in the Greek language rather than Egyptian.

The god Amun-Ra was said to be the father of every pharaoh.

Above: the Eye of Horus (left), Ankh, symbol of life (right)
Below: and Egyptian Obelisk

Book List:

1. The Egyptian Book of the Dead
2. The Red Pyramid Series by Rick Riordan
3. Treasury of Egyptian Mythology by, Donna Jo Napoli
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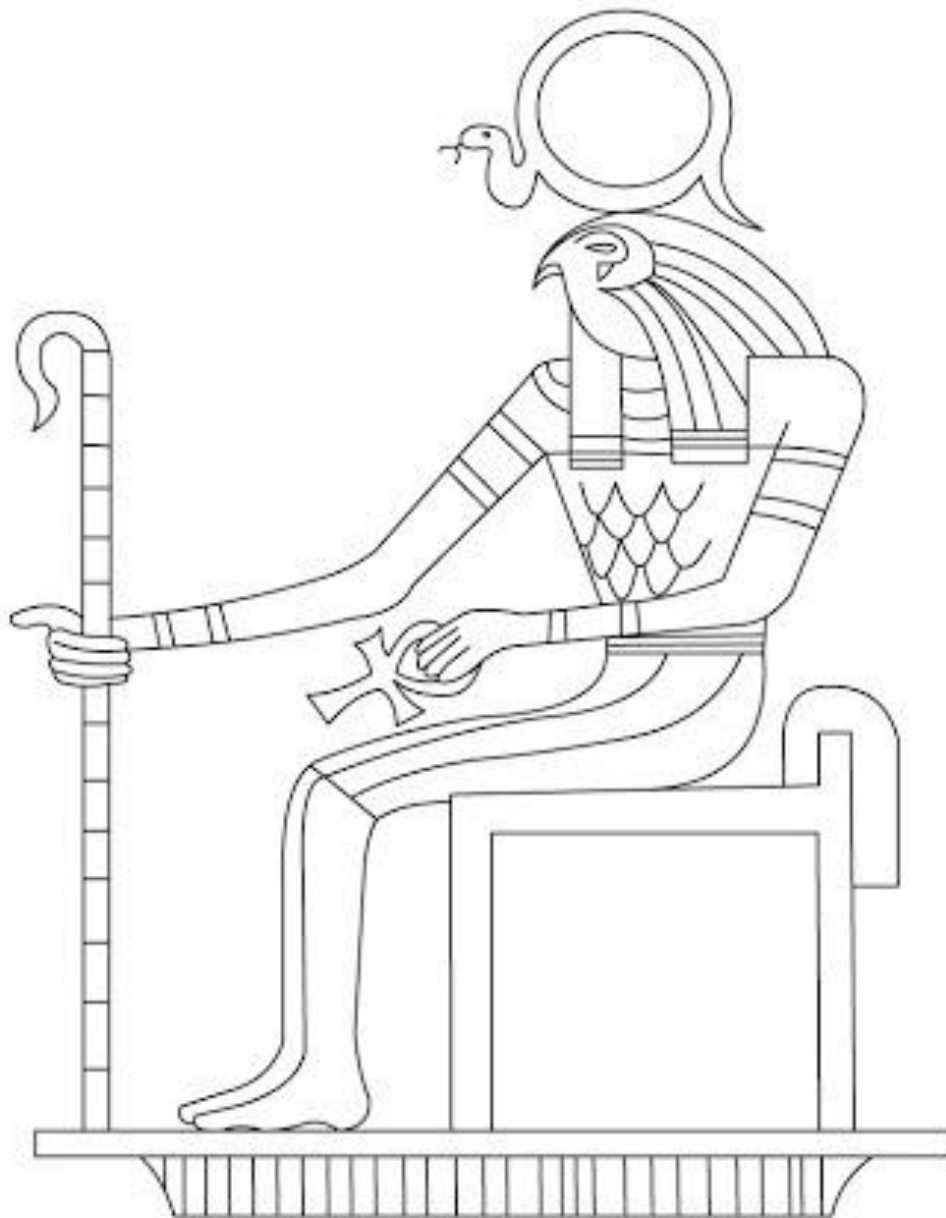
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Ra (Greek - Helios)

God of Radiance/Sun

The first god

Travels across the sky each day from east to west in his boat manned by glowing orbs of light.

Often assumes the head of a falcon. Scarabs and rams are also sacred to Ra.



Aset (Greek – Isis)

Married to Usir (Osiris), mother of Heru Sa Aset (Horus the Younger)

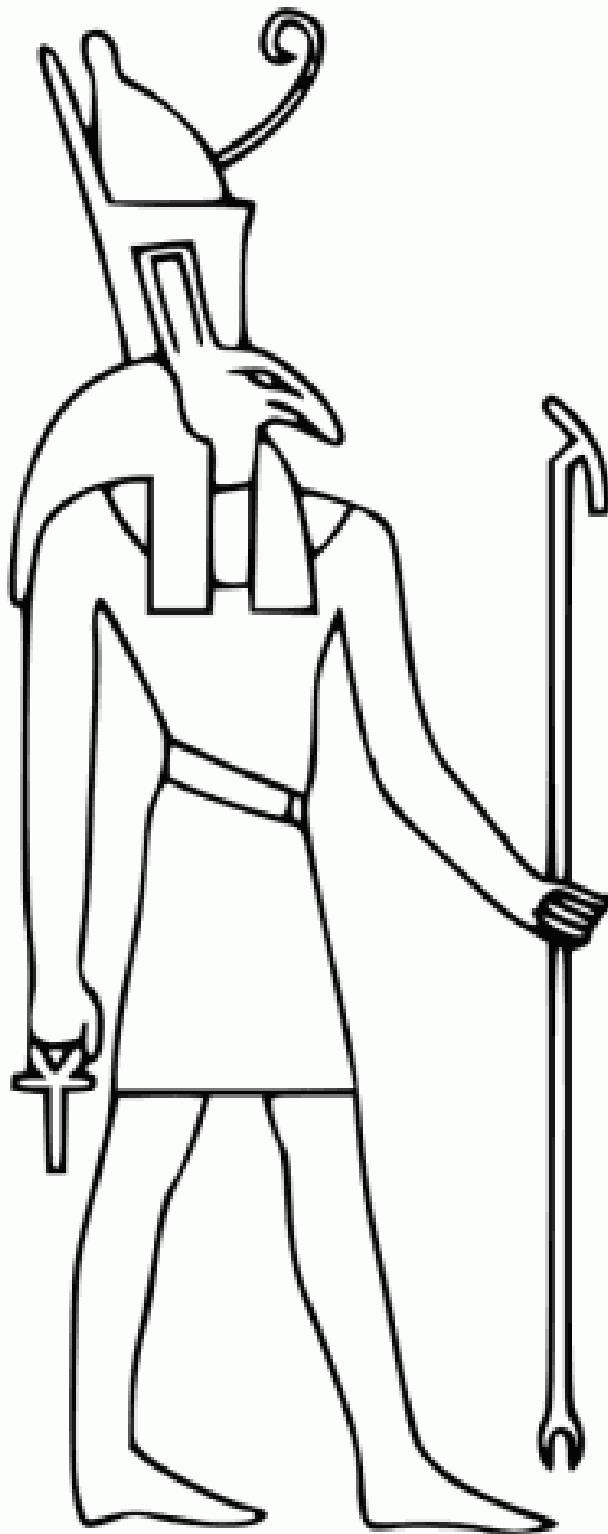
Once, she poisoned Ra to gain his power. Her motivation was to protect her son, but she became the ruler of the earth, leaving Ra to rule only the sky.



Usir (Greek – Osiris)

God of the Underworld

Once a king of Egypt, he was tricked and killed by his brother, Set. He resurrected for one night to say goodbye to his wife, then he became the fair ruler of the dead.

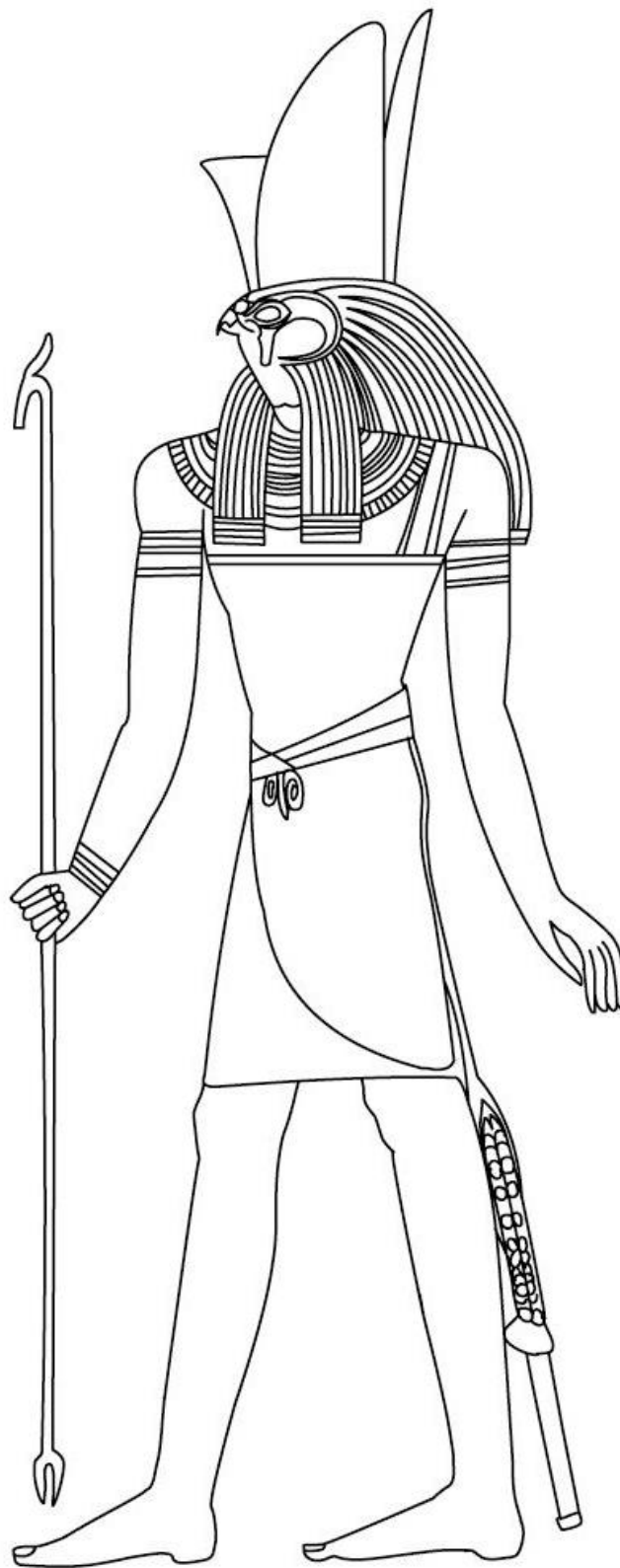


Set (Greek – Seth)

Married to Nebet Hut.

Envious of his brother, Usir (Osiris), he tricked him to fit inside a coffin, then nailed the lid closed and threw it into the Nile.

Later, Set was defeated by Heru Sa Aset (Horus), Usir's son.

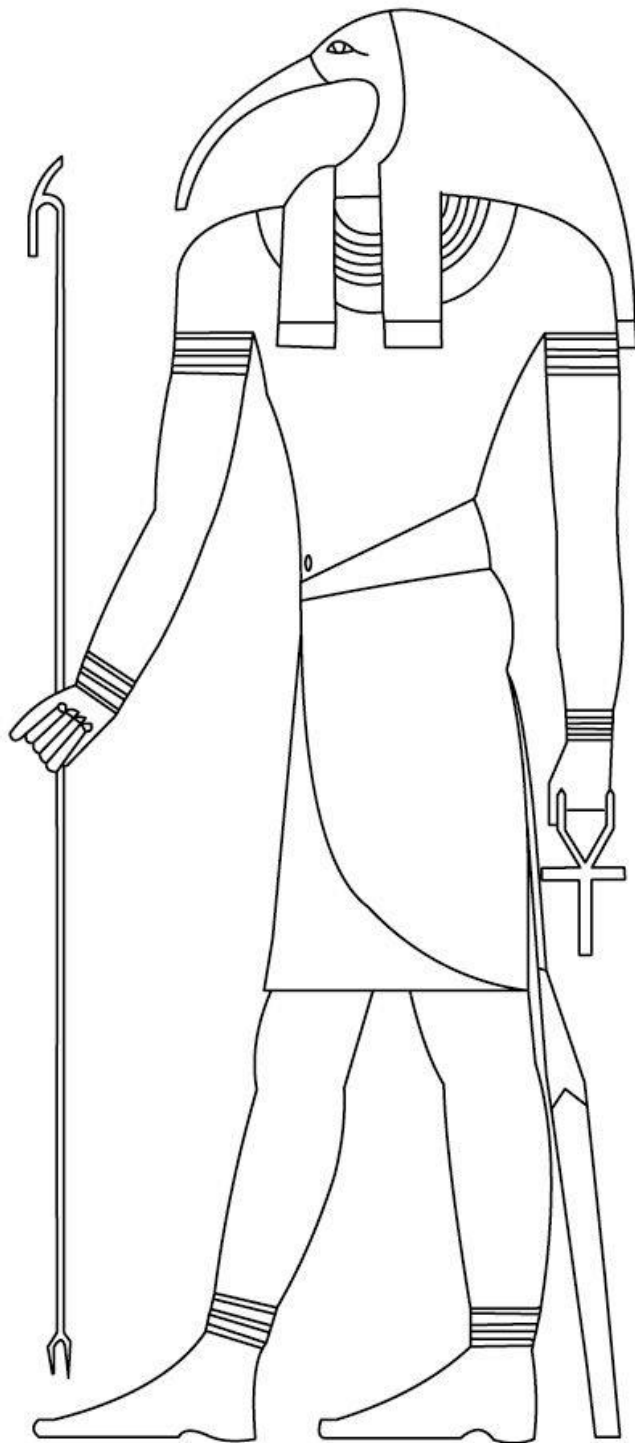


Heru Sa Aset (Greek – Horus the Younger)

The god of war

After his eyes (some stories say one eye) had been plucked out in battle, the goddess Hut Heru (Hathor) restored them by pouring the Milky Way across his brow.

Pharaohs of Egypt are said to be the living hosts of the god Horus.



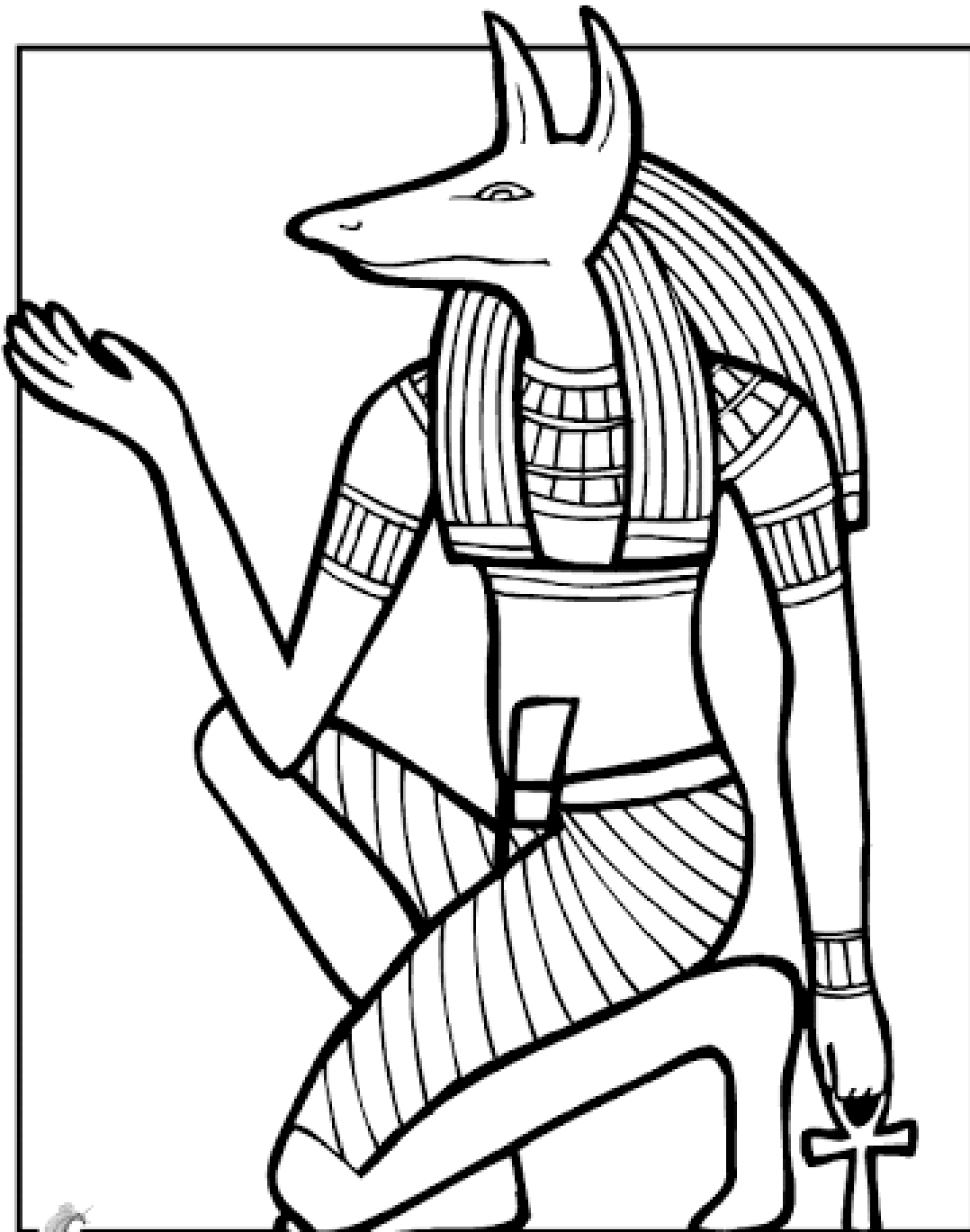
Tehuti (Greek – Thoth)

God of wisdom/ knowledge

The tongue of Ra

Appears as an Ibis

Has power in words; to convince, heal and even bring life.

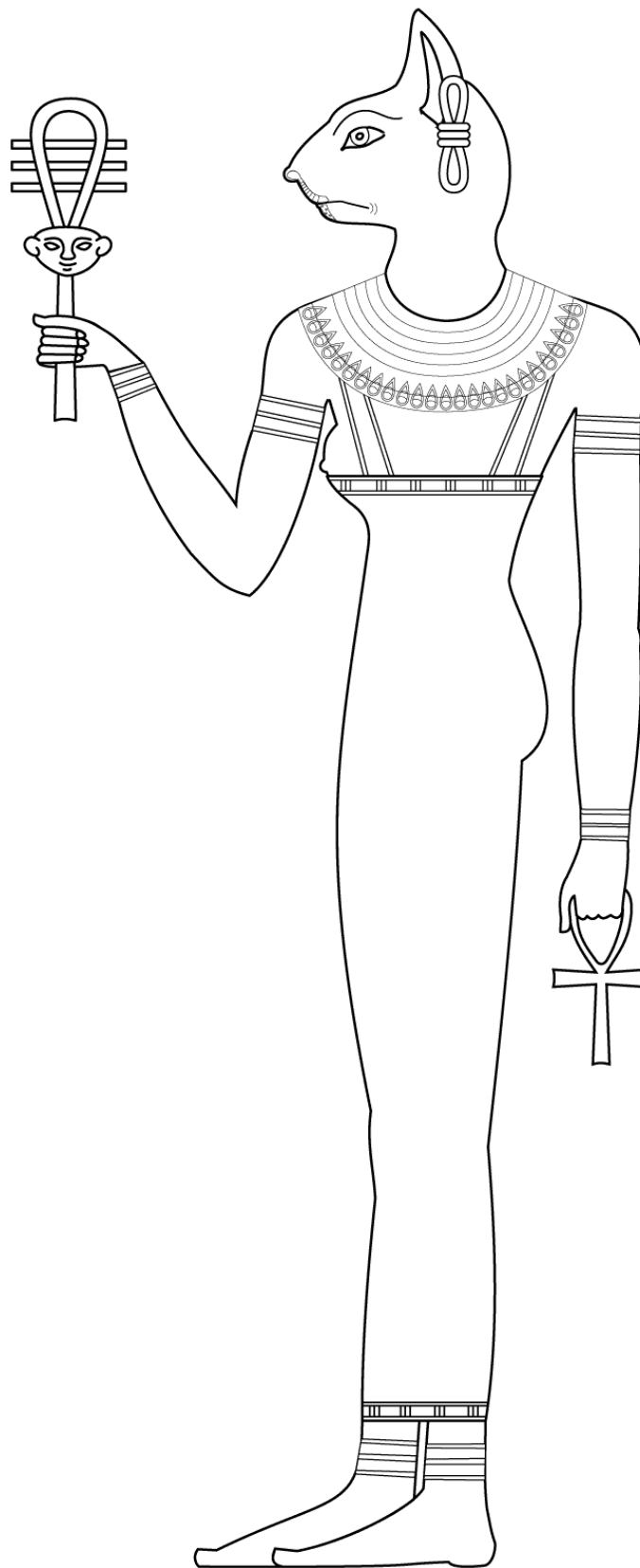


Inpu (Greek – Anubis)

God of funerals and mummification

Used to rule the Underworld, until his beloved “uncle” Usir (Osiris) died and took over.

Has the head of a jackal or dessert dog, though in black because it’s the color of the Duat.



Bastet (Greek – Bast)

Cat Goddess

Cats were sacred in Ancient Egypt, appreciated out of admiration and affection, loved by farmers and city dwellers alike. The punishment for killing a cat was death.

The Osiris Myth

Set was an envious god. He hated his brother, Osiris purely out of jealousy. Set devised a plan to kill his brother. He had a beautiful box created specific to Osiris' measurements. During a feast, Set told everyone that whoever could fit into this box could keep it. Naturally, Osiris was the only one that fit. As soon as his brother was in the box, Set nailed the lid closed and threw the box into the Nile.

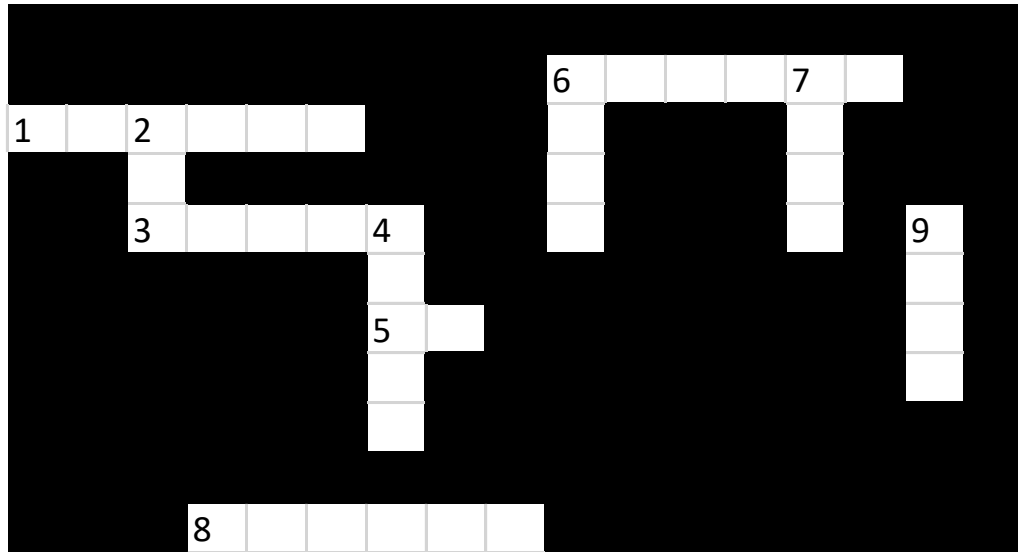
Isis, Osiris' wife, was devastated and chased the box down the river, but it was lost. The box grew into a tree and a long time later, was finally discovered by Isis. By this time, Osiris was dead. Isis planned a proper funeral, but before she could perform it, Set got ahold of his brother's body and tore it into fourteen pieces, spreading them all over the earth.

Nebet Hut, Set's wife, Isis' sister, helped Isis find all the pieces of Osiris and put them back together. One piece was not found, said to be eaten by a fish. Even without the last piece, Thoth was able to breathe life into the body of Osiris for one night. Husband and wife were together for one night, but Osiris couldn't stay in the mortal world. In the morning, Osiris left for the Underworld where he took over as a fair judge and ruler.

Months later, Isis gave birth to Horus, who would later avenge his father and defeat Set.

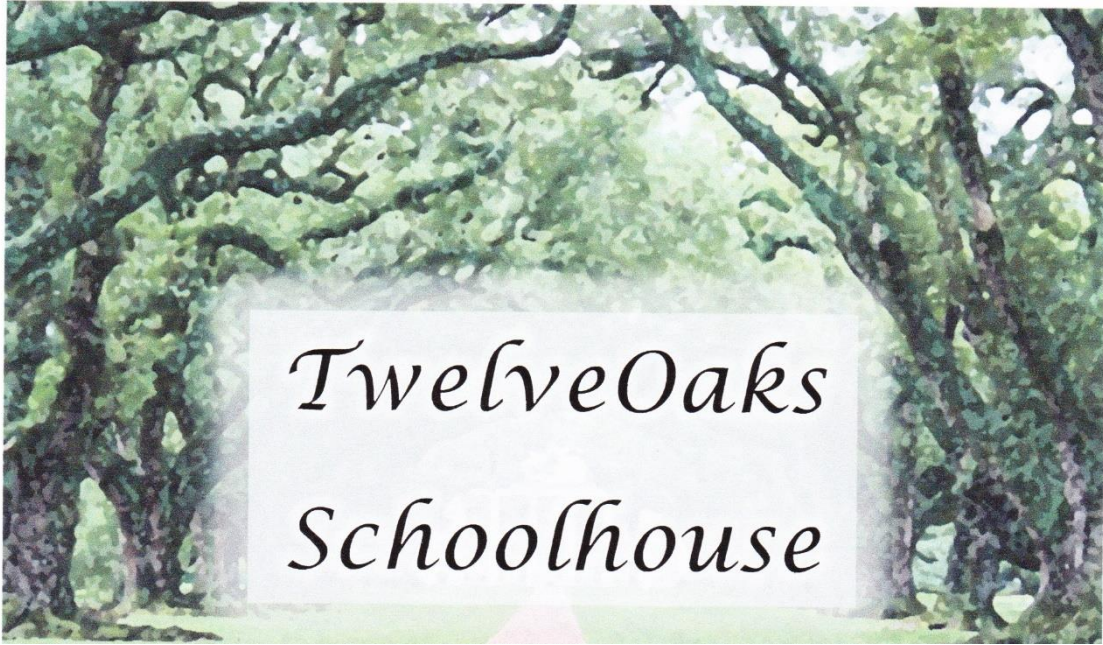


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 Crossword Puzzle



1 across: Goddess of cats
2 down: Envious god
3 across: Greek name for god of wisdom
4down: Greek younger and elder
5 across: The first god
6 down: AKA Isis
6 across: Head of a jackel (Greek name)
7 down: Head of Tehuti (Thoth)
8 across: Greek for sun god
9 down: Floods each year with Aset's tears





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