

Gods, Monsters

and others



Apollo
God of: light, the sun, truth, prophecy, healing, plague, music, poetry
Greek name: Apollo
Parents: Jupiter and Latona
Spouse(s): many lovers and consorts, no spouse
Symbols: laurel wreaths, raven, bow and quiver, lyre
Notable myths: slaying of Python; oracle at Delphi; helping Paris slay Achilles (*Iliad*); murder of Cyclops



Jupiter or Jove

God of: Thunder and Sky, King
of the Gods

Greek name: Zeus

Parents: Cronus and Rhea

Spouse of: Juno; lover of many
mortals and immortals alike

Symbols: eagle, aegis,
thunderbolt, oak tree

Notable myths: the legend of his
birth; the Titan War; tales of his
many consorts; his conflict with
Prometheus



Mercury

God of: financial gain, commerce, eloquence, communication, travelers, luck, trickery and thieves

Greek name: Hermes

Parents: Jupiter and Maia

Spouse(s): Larunda

Symbols: winged hat, winged sandals, caduceus (herald's staff)

Notable Myths: theft of Apollo's cattle; slaying of Argos; assisting Perseus slay Medusa; assisting Odysseus with Circe



Venus

Goddess of: love, beauty, fertility, seduction and lust

Greek name: Aphrodite

Parents: born of the sea foam surrounding the castrated member of Uranus

Spouse: Vulcan; also took many lovers

Symbols: roses, myrtle (a fragrant flower, doves and swans

Notable Myths: the unique circumstances of her birth; offers Helen to Paris, starting the Trojan War; many tales of aiding seduction



Vulcan

God of: fire and volcanoes; arms and iron

Greek name: Hephaestus

Parents: Juno and Jupiter

Spouse(s): Venus and Maia

Symbols: blacksmith's hammer

Notable Myths: cast from Olympus by Juno; childhood with Thetis; entrapment of Juno; smithy under Aetna



Mars

God of: war, agriculture and virility

Greek name: Ares

Parents: Juno and Jupiter

Spouse(s): lover of Venus,

Symbols: helm and spear

Notable Myths: battles against the Giants and Titans; Venus' and Mars' affair; transformation of Cadmus and Harmonia into serpents

Pluto

God of the Underworld
and the Dead

Greek name: Hades

Parents: Cronus and
Rhea

Spouse(s): Proserpina

Symbols: horn of plenty

Notable Myths: capture
of Proserpina, interaction
with Orpheus in the
Underworld





Vesta

Goddess of hearth and home

Greek name: Hestia

Parents: Cronus and Rhea

Spouse(s): none. Virgin goddess

Symbols: hearth fire, sacred fire

Notable Myths: Patron goddess of Rome, not many myths concerning her but was very important in Roman daily life



Neptune

God of the Sea, Rivers, Flood/
Droughts and Horses

Greek name: Poseidon

Parents: Cronus and Rhea

Spouse(s): many lovers

Symbols: trident, horses

Notable Myths: Contest with
Minerva for Athens;

persecution of Odysseus

Ceres

**Goddess of Agriculture, Fertility, Grain
and Bread**

Greek name: Demeter

Parents: Cronus and Rhea

Spouse(s): lover of Jupiter

Symbols: grains, food

**Notable Myths: abduction of her
daughter by Pluto; assault by Neptune;
fertility festivals**





Diana

Goddess of: the hunt, the moon, birth

Greek name: Artemis

Parents: Jupiter and Latona

Spouse(s): None. Virgin goddess

Symbols: Golden bow and arrows, the stag

Notable Myths: Aided mother Latona with birth of brother Apollo; transformed a spying suitor into a stag; punished Greeks after Agamemnon boasted he could hunt better than her

Name: Bacchus

God of: Wine and Festivities

Greek name: Dionysus

Parents: Jupiter and Cybele

Spouse(s): Ariadne and many lovers

Symbols: thyrsus (staff), drinking cup and fruiting vine

Notable Myths: birth from the thigh of Zeus, transformation of some pirates into dolphins, marriage to Ariadne after she was abandoned by Theseus





Juno

Goddess of women and
marriage

Greek name: Hera

Parents: Cronus and Rhea

Spouse of: Jupiter

Symbols: peacock, cow, lion

Notable myths: Juno vs.
Hercules; Juno vs. Semele;
Juno vs.... many. Juno is a
vengeful lady



Minerva

Goddess of fine arts/crafts, wisdom, medicine, commerce, magic

Greek name: Athena

Parents: Jupiter solo

Spouse of no one. Virgin goddess

Symbols: owl, handicrafts

Notable Myths: Born of mind of Jupiter; contest with Neptune; weaving contest with Arachne



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“ Argos

A watchman with a hundred eyes and a hundred arms. Often hired by Juno to oversee the affairs of Jupiter



“ Cyclops

Giants with one enormous eye in the center of their foreheads

Lawless, savage and cannibalistic beings who often worked alongside Vulcan



“ Centaur

Beings who had the heads and torsos of men but the bodies of horses

Known to be rather unfriendly to humans, acting savage and brutal towards them



“ Aeolus

God of the winds.
Brings forth storms and
the seasons. Father of
the four directional
winds: Zephyr (west),
Boreas (north), Notus
(south) and Eurus (east)



“ Gorgons

Monstrous Libyan sisters with snakes for hair, broad faces, golden wings, clawed hands, flaring nostrils and tusks. The Gorgon's stare could turn one to stone



“ Skip me because Ms. Jones can't tell what this is even a picture of (sorry class!)



“ Cerberus

A three-headed dog who guarded the realm of Hades (the Underworld). He has a serpent tail and numerous snakes on his back.



“ Chimera

A three headed, fire breathing monster with the foreparts of a lion, the hind parts of a goat with goat's head rising from its back and a serpent-headed tail.



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“ Harpies
Birds with the heads and
torsos of women, long
claws known for
tormenting King Phineas



“ Sirens

Three-winged sea monsters whose irresistible songs lured many a sailor to his death. They were formerly the handmaidens of Proserpina



“ Sphinx

Creature with the head and chest of a woman, the body and legs of a lion and the wings of an eagle. If a traveller should come to pass, she would eat him or her if they could not solve her riddle.