

# Greek Mythology

The background of the slide is a high-angle photograph of a vast, mountainous region. The mountains are rugged and covered in patches of snow and ice, with some dark rock faces visible. A wide, winding river or glacial meltwater channel flows through the center of the valley, its surface reflecting the sky. The sky is a clear, pale blue with a few wispy clouds near the horizon. The overall scene conveys a sense of ancient, untamed nature.

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# Olympus: Home of the Gods



- The Greeks believed that the gods lived on the top of Mount Olympus.
- It was a perfect place with no wind, no snow, and no rain.
- There was always sunshine and the sound of Apollo's music.
- There is an actual mountain called Olympus in Greece, but the Olympus of the gods is mythical.

Source: *Mythology: Edith Hamilton and D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths*

# How things started out...

Mother Earth (Gaea)

Father Heaven (Uranus)

Titan Children

Monster Children

Rhea

Cronus

Zeus

Hades

Poseidon

Hestia

Demeter

Hera

# The Titan Children...

Cronus-The Ruling Titan

Rhea-Wife of Cronus

Oceanus-the unending stream of water encircling the world

Hyperion-the Titan of light, the father of the sun, the moon, and the dawn.

Prometheus-wisest of the titans

Atlas-fought against Zeus. Zeus punished Atlas by making him hold up the earth for all eternity.



# The War...

1. Cronus kills his father (Uranus) and becomes supreme Titan
2. Cronus and Rhea have children.
3. Cronus eats all the children, fearing one of them will grow up and overthrow him as king.
4. Rhea tricks Cronus with the sixth Child-Zeus
5. Rhea tricks Cronus by giving him a rock wrapped in a baby blanket, allowing Zeus to escape.
6. Zeus grows up to be a very strong god
7. Zeus goes back to Mt. Olympus, gives Cronus a poisonous drink that makes him vomit up all the children he swallowed.
8. Zeus defeats Cronus and becomes ruler of all the gods.

# The Monster Children...

- Cyclopes



# Monster Children cont...

- Hydra



# Monster Children cont...

- Centaur





# Monster Children cont...

- Medusa



# Monster Children cont...

- Pegasus



# Monster Children cont...

- Sirens

The Sirens were creatures that sang beautifully, luring those passing by to their deaths.



# Monster Children cont...

- Gorgons





# Monster Children cont...

- Cerberus



# Monster Children cont...

- Chimera



# Zeus

- Ruler of all Gods
- God of the Sky



# Hera

- Wife of Zeus
- goddess of marriage and childbirth
- sacred animal is the peacock





# Hades

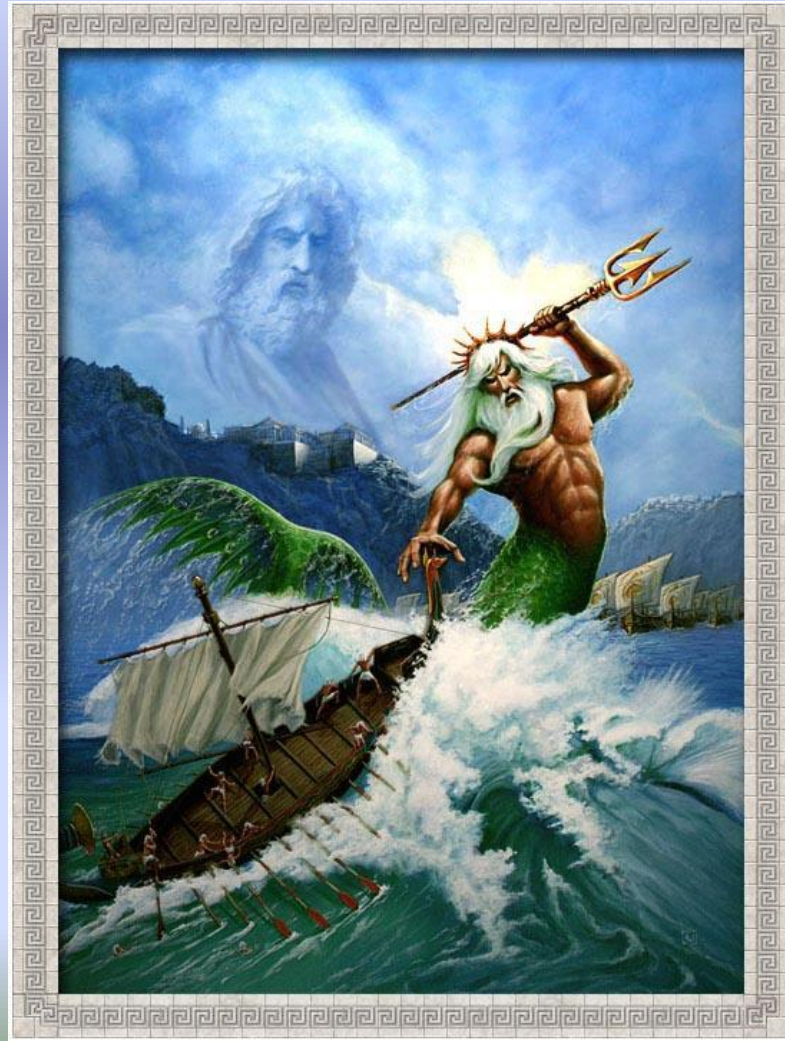
- lord of the underworld, ruling over the dead.
- Brother of Zeus
- He doesn't allow any of his subjects to leave.
- He is also the god of wealth
- He rarely leaves the underworld
- Did NOT live on Mt. Olympus
- Forced Persephone to marry him.





# Poseidon

- God of Sea and protector of all waters.
- His weapon is a trident, which can shake the earth, and shatter any object.
- He is second only to Zeus in power amongst the gods.
- Tried to impress Demeter by making her a beautiful animal—the first Horse.



# Hestia

- Sister of Zeus
- Goddess of Hearth (home)
- Turned her place over to Dionysus.



# Demeter

- goddess of corn, grain, and the harvest.
- makes the crops grow each year.
- Made Winter and Spring



# Ares

- Ares is the son of Zeus and Hera.
- He is the god of war.
- He is considered murderous and bloodstained but, also a coward.





# Athena

- goddess of reason, intelligent activity, arts and literature.
- Athena is the daughter of Zeus. She sprang full grown in armor from his forehead, thus has no mother.
- She is the embodiment of wisdom, reason, and purity.
- She was Zeus's favorite child and was allowed to use his weapons including his thunderbolt.
- Her favorite city is Athens.



# Apollo

- Apollo is the son of Zeus.
- He is the god of music, playing a golden lyre. The Archer, far shooting with a silver bow and arrows. The god of healing who taught man medicine. The god of light. The god of truth, who can not speak a lie.
- One of Apollo's more important daily tasks is to harness his chariot with four horses and drive the Sun across the sky.



# Artemis

- She was goddess of hunting, wild animals, and the moon.
- Artemis is the daughter of Zeus and Apollo's twin.
- She is the huntsman of the gods and animals feared her.





# Hephaestus

- Hephaestus is the son of Zeus and Hera. Sometimes it is said that Hera alone produced him and that he has no father.
- He is the only god to be physically ugly.
- He is lame. (Can not walk)
- He is the god of fire and the forge.
- He is the smith and armorer of the gods. He uses a volcano as his forge.
- He is kind and peace loving and married to Aphrodite.





# Hermes

- He was the cleverest of the Olympian gods, and messenger to all the other gods.
- He is Zeus messenger.
- He is the fastest of the gods.
- He wears winged sandals, a winged hat, and carries a magic wand.

Hermes

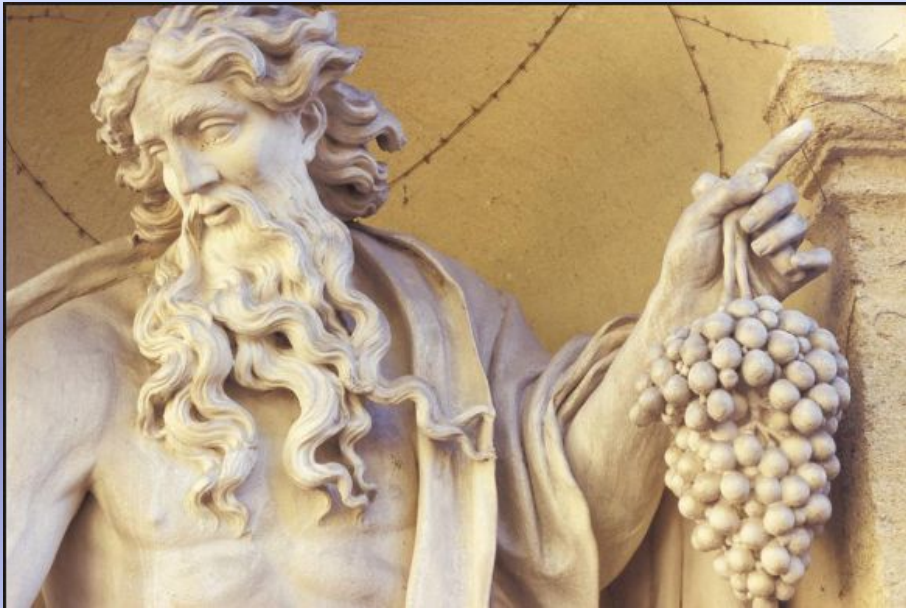


# Aphrodite

- Goddess of love and beauty
- Married to Hephaestus



# Dionysus



- Dionysus was a Greek god and one of the Twelve Olympians who lived on Mount Olympus.
- He was the god of wine, which was a very important part of the culture of ancient Greece.
- He was the only Olympic god that had one parent that was a mortal (his mother Semele).







