

Groovy Greeks Week 3

The Ancient Greeks believed in many Gods and Goddesses. They believed they could change life on earth & that this explained natural phenomena, such as seasons & night and day.

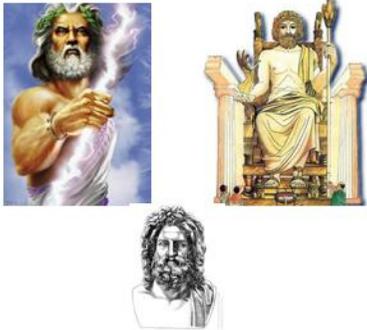
Zeus (zyooss)

God: King of the gods

Family: was married to Hera and had lots of children some were half god and half human like Hercules and Peruses. He and his wife Hera would always argue. He used to visit Earth in different disguises.

Power: strong thunder bolts could kill and destroy. When it was thunder and lightning, people used to think it was Zeus being angry!

Symbols: eagle, thunderbolt and oak tree



Hera (hear-a)

God: queen of the gods and goddess of marriage and women.

Family: was wife and sister to Zeus. She protected women. She was proud and jealous and spent most of her time chasing and punishing her women who admired her husband.

Symbol: pomegranate and peacock



Hades (Hay-dees)

God: god of the underworld also known as Pluto.

Family: brother to Zeus and Hera. Married to Persephone he kidnapped her.

Facts: he drove a gold chariot with black horses and guarded the dead jealously. He was very rich because he owned lots of gems and metal inside the earth. He had a monster watch dog to guard the underworld.

Symbol: darkness



Who were the Ancient Greek Gods and heroes?

Find out more about some of the Gods and Goddesses at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39/articles/zqt7mp3>.

Who is your favourite God/Goddess?

Why are they your favourite?

Poseidon (poss-eye-don)

God: god of oceans

Family: was Zeus' brother

Facts: lived in an underwater palace, rode a gold chariot with white horses.

Power: could control storms, sea monsters and earthquakes

Symbols: trident, dolphin and horses



Athena (a-thee-na)

God: Goddess of wisdom (knowledge) and war.

Facts: She was born from the head of Zeus after he swallowed the Titaness Metis in the form of a fly.

Talents and Powers: was very patient and never lost her temper but if she did lose her temper she was deadly (Remember Arachne the Spinner was turned into a spider by Athena).

Symbol: owl and the olive tree



Ares (Are-eez)

Type of God: God of war.

Powers: super strength. Had violent temper and always picked fights with others.

Talents: young and strong very handsome.

Symbol: burning torch, a spear, dogs and vultures. He once had to stand trial for murder in Athens.



Hestia (hess-tee-a)

God: goddess of health, family

Family: was the eldest sister of Zeus.

Personality: she was very quiet and gentle and did not get involved in fights. She protected people's homes and was very popular because every family had a shrine in their homes dedicated to her.

Symbol: She sat on a plain wooden throne with a white woolen cushion and did not trouble to choose an emblem for herself.



Apollo

Type of God: God of the sun, light and truth.

Powers: control the sun's movement across the sky.

Talents: was good musician and was a fan of the arts.

Family: His twin brother Artemis. Killed his mother's enemy, the serpent Python.

Symbol: laurel tree



Aphrodite (Aff-ro-die-tee)

Goddess of love, romance, and beauty. Her son was [Eros](#).

[god of Love](#) (though he is not an Olympian.)

She was the wife of Hephaestus (Heff-eyestoss).

She was born in the sea and rode on a big shell to shore.

She was very beautiful and had a lot of admirers One of them was Ares which made Hera very jealous. Her symbols were roses, doves, dolphins and sparrows and rams.



Demeter (de-meet-a)

God: Goddess of the earth, plants and harvests.

Family: was helped by her daughter Persephone but she was kidnapped by Pluto (Hades). She was sad she lost her daughter and she stopped working to search for her (autumn and winter).

Symbol: a sheaf of wheat or barley



Artemis (are-tem-is)

Type of God: Moon goddess and huntress

Power: Silver arrows were poison if shot they could kill you. Also has healing powers.

Facts: She never married and was independent. She protected young girls and pregnant women. She was mistress of wild animals.

Symbol: cypress trees, deer and dogs.



Hephaestus (Heff-eyestoss)

God: God of craftsmanship and fire

Facts: was hard working and kind but he did not have a good life because when he was a child he was thrown from Olympus by his bad-tempered mother, Hera and became disabled! His symbol was a Hammer.

Aphrodite was forced to marry him and she was not nice to him.



Hermes (herm-meez)

God: messenger of the gods

Power: was full of energy and was playful and sometimes naughty when he was a child. He used to steal Apollo's cattle. To keep him out of trouble Zeus made him messenger to the gods. He wore a winged hat and carried a staff.



Create a 3D model of a Greek God or Goddess.

Equipment:

Cardboard tubes, various thickness of cardboard, masking tape, cellotape.

Experiment with different techniques, building up different layers to create textures and depth.

