



Zeus

Ζεύς

Roman name: Jupiter

All about Zeus

King of the Gods and the god of the sky, weather, law and order. The relationship between a guest and a host was sacred to Zeus, and it is an important feature in several myths.

Zeus was married to Hera, but had a lot of affairs with other goddesses, nymphs and mortal women, and he was the father of many heroes of Greek myths such as Heracles and Perseus.

Attributes

Eagle, sceptre, thunderbolt





Hera

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Roman name: Juno

All about Hera

Queen of the gods, and the goddess of marriage, women, the sky and the stars of heaven. She was married to Zeus, and was often angry because he had affairs with other goddesses and women.

Hera's children were Hephaestus and Ares.

Attributes

Sceptre, peacock





Poseidon

Ποσειδών

Roman name: Neptune

All about Poseidon

God of the sea, earthquakes, floods, drought and horses.

Poseidon is sometimes shown riding on sea horses (horses with coiled fish tails)

Attributes

trident, fish, seahorse





Hades

Ήιδης

Roman name: Pluto

All about Hades

King of the underworld and god of the dead. He organised judgement, reward and punishment for spirits when they reached the underworld

Hades was also the god of the hidden wealth of the earth, such as gold, silver and other metals.

Attributes

skull, jewels, Cerberus the
3-headed guard dog





Demeter

Δημητηρ

Roman name: Ceres

All about Demeter

Goddess of agriculture, grain and bread ; responsible for crops and fruit. In Greek mythology, the change from summer to winter was caused by Demeter's sadness every year when her daughter Persephone returned to her husband in the underworld.

Attributes

Wheat, sickle, fruit





Aphrodite

Αφροδίτη

Roman name: Venus

All about Aphrodite

Goddess of love, beauty, and pleasure .
Aphrodite was the mother of Eros (Cupid). She was born from sea foam, and arrived on land riding in a scallop shell. Aphrodite was married to Hephaestus, but she preferred Ares.

Attributes

Mirror, rose, flowers, scallop shell, doves





Hermes

Ἑρμῆς

Roman name: Mercury

All about Hermes

Messenger and herald of the gods, also the guide who led souls down into the underworld. God of travellers and trade, thievery and cunning.

Attributes

Winged hat and shoes, money bag, herald's staff





Dionysus

Διονυσος

Roman name: Bacchus

All about Dionysus

God of wine, festivity, and the theatre. He was usually accompanied by of Satyrs (goat men) and Maenads (wild women).

Attributes

Wine, grapes, panthers, ivy





Ares

Αρης

Roman name: Mars

All about Ares

God of war, battle fury, and courage.
Ares represents the violence of war,
while Athena represents strategy and
military planning.

Attributes

Weapons of war





Athena

Αθήνη

Roman name: Minerva

All about Athena

Goddess of wisdom and good counsel, war, weaving, pottery and various other crafts. Athena was the daughter of Zeus, born from his head after he swallowed her mother. Athena often helped heroes in their quests.

She carried the face of Medusa, either on her shield or her aegis (chest covering)

Attributes

owl, spear, shield





Artemis

Αρτεμις

Roman name: Diana

All about Artemis

Goddess of hunting, the wilderness and wild animals. She was also a goddess of childbirth, and protected girls up to the age of marriage.

Artemis was usually shown with a short skirt, fit for hunting. She was the twin sister of Apollo.

Attributes

Bow and arrow, deer





Hephaestus

Ἥφαιστος

Roman name: Vulcan

All about Hephaestus

God of fire, smiths, craftsmen, metalworking, stonemasonry and sculpture. Hephaestus made weapons and tools for the gods, and thunderbolts for Zeus. He was responsible for volcanoes.

Attributes

Forge and metal working tools





Hestia

Ἑστία

Roman name: Vesta

All about Hestia

Goddess of the hearth. Hestia was also the goddess of the sacrificial flame and received a share of every sacrifice to the gods. In Greek mythology, she gave up her place among the Olympian gods in favour of Dionysus, preferring a quiet life.

Attributes

Fires in homes and public buildings.





Apollo

Απολλων

Roman name: Apollo

All about Apollo

God of prophecy and oracles, music, song and poetry, archery, healing, plague and disease, and the protection of the young.

Attributes

lyre, bow and arrows,
laurel wreath

