

Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses

Greek Gods

Zeus

Zeus was the most powerful of all the gods. He was god of the sky and the king of Olympus. His temper affected the weather, and he threw thunderbolts when he was unhappy. He was married to Hera. Zeus had the power to transform his shape. He was ruler of all other gods and was seen as powerful, strong and unpredictable.

Did You Know?

Zeus' father was worried his children would betray him, so he ate his children.



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Hermes

Hermes was the messenger god, a trickster. He was the speediest of all and he wore winged shoes.

Did You Know?

Hermes invented boxing and gymnastics.



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Athena

Athena was the goddess of wisdom. Her symbol was an owl.

Did You Know?

Athena didn't have a mum. Instead, she was born fully grown out of Zeus' head wearing armour.



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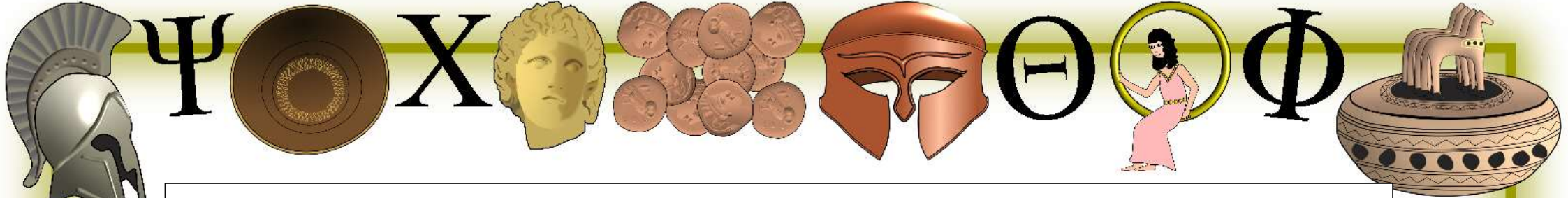
Apollo

Apollo was the god of many things, including the sun, music, poetry and art. He was the son of Zeus and had a twin sister, Artemis. Apollo played music for the other gods on his golden lyre. Apollo taught humans the art of medicine and is sometimes referred to as 'The Healer'.

Did You Know?

Apollo had the ability to heal people of disease but just as often spread infection and disease to those who angered him using arrows.





Task 1) Which of these Gods would you put your faith in and why?

Example: I would put my faith in Apollo because he is the God of the sun. All food chains start with the sun, so without him we would not be able to live.

Task 2) Zeus has recently retired and we need to find a new King or Queen of the Gods. Pick which God you would want to be and write a paragraph about why you should be promoted.

Example: I am Hephaestus and I think I should be King of the Gods. I am the God of fire, metal working and sculpture. We Ancient Greeks have a powerful army and with me as God, I will have more swords and armour for battle. I can also provide us with fire for cooking and make sculptures of other important people.

