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### Zeus: Father of the Greek Gods 614

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Gods were important in the ancient Greek religion. The Greeks believed that their gods **(lived)** in families and that each god **(or)** goddess had a certain kind of **(power)**. They also thought that each of **(the)** gods had a distinct personality. Sacred **(places)** called sanctuaries were built by the **(Greeks)** to honor their gods. Greeks prayed **(to)** different gods for different reasons. They **(also)** made sacrifices to the gods as **(a)** way to please them.

Zeus, the **(god)** of the sky and of the **(weather)**, was also considered the father of **(all)** the Greek gods. The Greeks believed **(that)** Zeus was the absolute master of **(all)** the Greeks, other gods, and perhaps **(the)** universe. The Olympic games were actually **(created)** to honor Zeus. The games were **(named)** after the highest mountain in Greece, **(Mount)** Olympus. Ancient Greeks pictured Zeus sitting **(in)** a golden throne on top of **(Mount)** Olympus. The Greeks believed that Zeus **(would)** take pleasure from watching athletes compete **(in)** the Olympic games. All Greeks, regardless **(of)** where they lived, worshiped Zeus and **(the)** other gods in his family. Zeus'**(s)** wife, Hera, was known as the **(goddess)** of marriage. His brother, Poseidon, was **(the)** god of the sea. Zeus himself **(was)** thought to control the weather. In **(the)** Greek people's minds, thunder and **(lightning)** occurred as a punishment when Zeus **(was)** very angry. One of Zeus's **(sons)**, Apollo, was the god of light **(and)** health. It was believed that Apollo **(was)** responsible for the sun rising and **(setting)** each day. The ancient Greeks explained **(many)** of the wonders of nature by **(attributing)** them to the behavior and personalities **(of)** the Greek gods.



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