

April 27 - May 1, 2020

Sixth Grade Reading Students.

You are receiving the fourth digital weekly assignment from me. Your assignments will come to you in this form the remainder of the year. Your assignments are on my Teacher Page under lohn isd.net. Complete your work and email it to me. Your work is coming in very slowly. Please remember you are required to complete all your work to get credit for the year. Please do not fall further behind.

Your assignment for this week is the second lesson on **Mythology**. You will have fun reading about the gods and goddesses. This lesson will introduce you to the gods and goddesses on Mount Olympus. There are two assignments attached to the lesson to complete. **You will have 2 weeks to complete this assignment** because of the length of the lesson. Take your time and enjoy learning about these magnificent, superhuman, incredible characters.

Have a wonderful week. Watch for my emails or phone calls.

Stay well and safe

I miss you,

Mrs. Martin

First, we have to explore exactly what we mean by "Olympian gods." Mount Olympus is a real mountain in the north of Greece. Gradually, it became associated less and less with an actual mountain and more with an imaginary place high above the earth. According to the ancient Greeks, the gate to Olympus was made of clouds and it was guarded by four goddesses, the Seasons. Each god had his or her own dwelling place, but Olympus was home base.

There were up to 14 gods considered Olympian gods. Seven of them were Zeus and his siblings, and seven others were children of Zeus. Sometimes only 12 will be listed. The Greeks and Romans shared mythology, so you will find two names for most gods.

Zeus was the king of the hill. He was dominating, powerful and had a soft spot for pretty women. He could be terrifying when angry. His symbols were the thunderbolts, or lightning bolts made for him by the Cyclopes (his uncles); the eagle; and the scepter, or rod. ~~Please copy this information onto your sheet.~~



Hades, or Pluto, was the god of the underworld and of the dead. He was called the same names by the Romans, but they also sometimes called him Dis or Dis Pater. He was Zeus's brother and married Persephone after kidnapping her against her will. He was gloomy and frightening.



Next, we have Poseidon, or Neptune, as the Romans called him. He was Zeus's brother, and he was the god of the sea and also earthquakes. He



often is shown with a three-pronged spear called a trident that was made for him by his nephew, Hephaestus, and/or a fish.

Our first goddess is Hera. She sits on the right side of Zeus and is his wife. Of course, she's his sister, too, but that's the way it was on Olympus. Hera's Roman name is Juno, and she is the queen of the gods. She is the guardian of marriage and was well-loved by the Greeks; it's kind of sad that she's the goddess of marriage but her own marriage was so bad. She was often jealous of her husband's girlfriends and did mean things to them, even the ones who didn't want anything to do with him, but she could be tender and loving as well. The peacock was her symbol. In fact, the circles in a peacock's tail are said to be the eyes of her 100-eyed servant, Argus.



Next is Athena, or Minerva, the daughter who sprang fully formed from the head of Zeus after a major headache. She is the goddess of wisdom and war and also the protector and namesake of the city of Athens. She preferred reason to violence unless she was pushed. She turned Arachne into a spider for bragging that she could spin better than Athena. She was very competitive and is often pictured with her helmet and a spear. She carried Zeus's shield, called the aegis. The owl was her bird. Can you see it in her hand?



Apollo was a twin. His Roman name was the same as his Greek name. He was the god of the sun or light, poetry, music and medicine and was famous for his oracles (wise women to whom he gave his power to predict and interpret the future). He was very proud and also protective of his mother and sister. His symbols were the gold bow and arrows, and he often appears golden and shining. He



wears a laurel wreath in memory of Daphne, who didn't want to be his lover and prayed to Mother Earth for help escaping him; she was turned into a laurel tree.

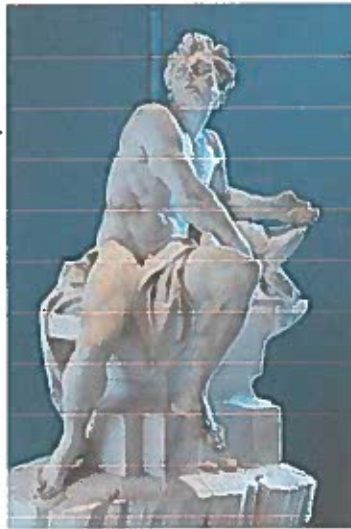
Artemis was Apollo's twin. Her Roman name was Diana, and she was the goddess of hunting, chastity and the moon. She protects women and small children, is fiercely independent and particularly dislikes men. In pictures, she is seen accompanied by three hunting hounds, a bow and a fawn.



Ares or, as he is known by his Roman name, Mars, was the god of war. He would fight on both sides, if possible. He was young, strong and handsome, and liked to dress in battle clothes even when he wasn't fighting.



Hephaestus, or Vulcan, was born lame and was further crippled when he was thrown from Olympus by his mother, Hera, in a rage. He was the only Olympian with a disability. He was unhappily married to Aphrodite and worked as a blacksmith in the gods' forge.



Hephaestus's wife, Aphrodite, whose Roman name was Venus, was the goddess of love and beauty. She was born out of sea foam when the blood of Uranus dropped into the ocean. She was the mother of Eros and was irresistibly charming, fickle, vain and competitive. Her symbol was a cestus, or magic belt, that made everyone fall in love with the wearer; sometimes she would lend it to humans. This is a famous painting of the birth of Venus, or Aphrodite, by Botticelli.

Dionysus was the partier of the mountain retreat. He was Zeus's son by another woman, who was driven crazy by Hera and her jealousy. Dionysus went all around teaching people how to make wine and having a good time. Eventually, Hestia gave up her throne for him, and he lived on Olympus. He was the god of wine, of course, and also vegetation.



Hermes, or Mercury, was the god of science and invention, but he is best known as the messenger of the gods. He is often pictured with a winged helmet and sandals. He is said to have invented the alphabet, boxing and gymnastics! In this painting by Goltzius, you can see his helmet with wings; he's not wearing his famous sandals, though.



Demeter was the goddess of the crops and the harvest. She is also known as Ceres (Roman) and sometimes Deo. Her symbols include a torch, a crown, a scepter and stalks of grain. She is often portrayed with her daughter, Persephone, who was kidnapped by Hades and taken to the underworld. By the time she was rescued, she'd eaten six pomegranate seeds, so she couldn't escape the underworld entirely. Her mother was so

frantic that winter draped the land and no crops would grow. A deal was struck, and Persephone was allowed to return to her mother for half of the year. So each year, when she returns to the underworld, fall comes, then winter — but when she returns to her mother, spring and summer come again.

Hestia was Zeus's sister and the goddess and protectress of hearth and home. She is also known by her Roman name, Vesta. She was gentle and kind and was very popular with the Greeks. She didn't have a lot of adventures, so she's rarely pictured in art.



- Encyclopedia Mythica
 (<http://pantheon.org/areas/mythology/europe/greek/articles.html>)

OLYMPIAN GODS & GODDESSES CHART				
Greek name	Roman name	Realm	Symbol	Facts / Characteristics
Zeus				
Hera				
Poseidon				
Hades				
Athena				
Apollo				
Artemis				
Aphrodite				
Hermes				
Ares				
Hephaestus				
Hestia				
Demeter				
Dionysus				

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A. Zeus D. Hades
B. Hera E. Athena
C. Poseidon F. Apollo

1. ____ This god's Roman name is Neptune.
2. ____ Name the goddess of war.
3. ____ His symbol is the thunderbolt.
4. ____ Her Roman name was Juno, and her symbol was the peacock.
5. ____ Name the god of the underworld.
6. ____ Name the twin of Artemis.
7. ____ Name the goddess of wisdom.
8. ____ Name the very jealous wife of Zeus.
9. ____ Name the god of the sun, poetry, music and medicine.
10. ____ His Roman name is Jupiter.
11. ____ This god is anti-social and doesn't like people.
12. ____ Name the wealthiest god.

A. Artemis E. Hephaestus
B. Aphrodite F. Hestia
C. Hermes G. Demeter
D. Ares H. Dionysus

13. ____ Name the goddess of hunting and twin of Apollo.
14. ____ Name the goddess of hearth and home who gave up her throne for Dionysus.
15. ____ Name the mother of Persephone; her Roman name is Ceres.
16. ____ This god's Roman name is Bacchus.
17. ____ His symbols are winged sandals and a winged helmet.
18. ____ Name the only handicapped god.
19. ____ This god's Roman name is Mars, and he is the god of war.
20. ____ Her Roman name is Vesta.
21. ____ Her Roman name is Diana.
22. ____ His symbol is fire and a hammer, and his Roman name is Vulcan.
23. ____ His Roman name is Mercury, and he is the messenger of the gods.
24. ____ Name the god of wine.
25. ____ She was the goddess of love and beauty.