## APHRODITE WAS

**Occupation:** Goddess of love and beauty

#### Responsibilities:

Helping mortals and immortals to fall in love

**Powers:** Causing mortals and immortals to fall in love

**Symbols:** Rose, dove, sparrow, dolphin, ram, apple, myrtle



Weapons: A magic girdle that inspired love

Home: Mount Olympus

Parents: Zeus and Dione

Married to: Hephaestus

Hobbies: Flirting

Interesting Information:

Aphrodite was born in the sea and rode to shore on a shell. She is usually pictured with a mirror.

# APOLLO week

**Occupation:** Sun god; god of medicine, music, poetry, dance, math, herdsmen, and prophecy

#### Responsibilities:

Controlling the sun's daily movement across the sky

**Powers:** Healing, inspiring learning, making the sun rise and set

**Symbols:** Laurel tree, lyre, the number 7



Weapons: Bow and

arrow

Home: Mount Olympus

Parents: Zeus and Leto

Married to: Unmarried

**Hobbies:** Known for killing many mythological monsters

**Interesting Information:** Apollo is Artemis' twin.

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# ARES WILL

Occupation: God of war

Responsibilities:

Waging war

Powers: Inciting

conflict

**Symbols:** Dog, vulture, spear, flaming torch

Weapons: Spear

Home: Mount Olympus



Parents: Zeus and Hera

Married to: Unmarried

Hobbies: Violence

Interesting Information:

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Among the other gods and goddesses, only Hades, Aphrodite, and Eros would speak to Ares. He was disliked for his violent temper.

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Occupation: Goddess of the moon and hunting

Responsibilities:

Protecting women, animals, and cities

Powers: Changing people into animals

Symbols: Cypress tree,

dog, deer, bird

Weapons: Silver bow

and arrow



Home: Mount Olympus

Parents: Zeus and Leto

Married to: Unmarried

**Hobbies:** Punishing hunters who killed more game than they needed

to eat

Interesting Information:

Apollo's twin, Artemis was known to be very

independent.

#### ATHENA WA

**Occupation:** Goddess of wisdom and war

**Responsibilities:** Giving wisdom, inspiring inventions, protecting Athens

**Powers:** Changing herself into other shapes and forms

Symbols: Owl, olive tree

Weapons: Lance, shield,

fringed cloak

Home: Mount Olympus



Parents: Zeus and Metis,

a Titaness

Married to: Unmarried

**Hobbies:** Patron goddess of Athens; invented math

Interesting Information:

Athena accidentally shot her childhood friend Pallas with a bow and arrow, so she is sometimes called Pallas Athena.

# DEMETER WAR

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**Occupation:** Goddess of agriculture, guardian of marriage

Responsibilities:

Controlling the harvest

**Powers:** Able to make plants and trees grow or die

**Symbols:** Torch, sheaf of wheat or barley

Weapons: None

Home: Mount Olympus



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**Parents:** Cronos and Rhea

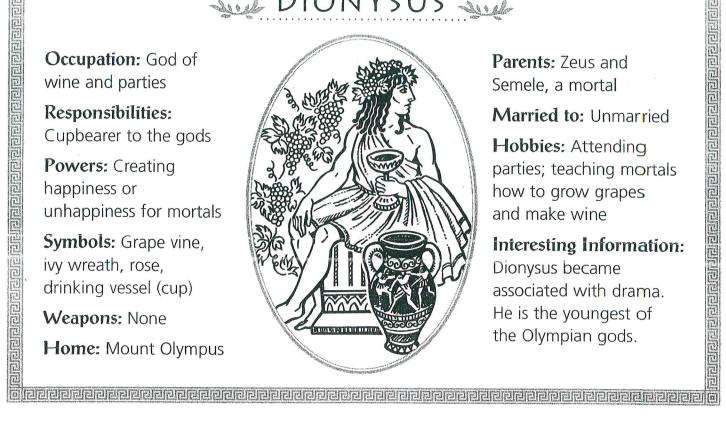
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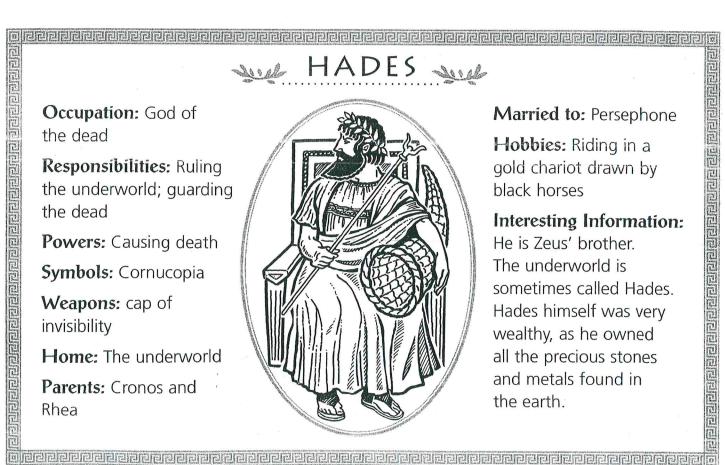
Hobbies: Disguised as an old woman, Demeter roamed the earth rewarding some cities with good harvests and punishing others with poor harvests.

Interesting Information:
Demeter created the
four seasons

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#### HEPHAESTUS

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Occupation: God of blacksmiths,

craftsmen, and fire

Responsibilities: Granting power to blacksmiths; helping mortals to create useful items

Powers: Able to create objects

with magical properties

Symbols: Axe, tongs

Weapons: Blacksmith tongs,

hammer

Home: Mount Olympus, but his forge is in the crater of

Mount Aetna, a volcano in Sicily



Parents: Zeus and Hera

Married to: Aphrodite

Hobbies: Famous creations include Achilles' weapons, Odysseus' weapons, Heracles' shield, Agamemnon's scepter, and Harmonia's necklace

Interesting Information:

Because he was born ugly, his mother threw him from Mount Olympus. He lived in the sea for nine years.

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Occupation: Queen of the gods; goddess of women and motherhood

Responsibilities:

Watching over women

Powers: Commanding

the winds

Symbols: Peacock,

pomegranate

Weapons: Trickery,

deceit

Home: Mount Olympus

Parents: Cronos and Rhea





Married to: Zeus

Hobbies: Punishing the goddesses and mortal women that Zeus pursued, punishing their children, ordering other gods to help her inflict her punishments

Interesting Information:

Hera spends much of her time chasing after Zeus, his lovers, and their children. Thus, she travels frequently throughout the world.

# HERMES we

Occupation: Messenger of the gods; god of dreams, commerce, treaties, inventions, science, art, and oratory

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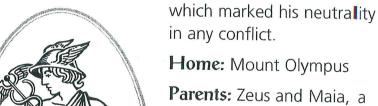
Responsibilities: Patron of voyagers and thieves; delivers the gods' messages; escorts the dead to the underworld

Powers: Traveling anywhere

instantly

Symbols: The number 4, a staff with wings, the caduceus

Weapons: None; Hermes' staff bore a white ribbon,



**Titaness** 

Married to: Unmarried

Hobbies: Creating mischief; As an infant, Hermes stole Apollo's cattle but Apollo forgave him when Hermes invented the lyre for him.

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Interesting Information: "Hermes" means hastener.



Occupation: Goddess of the hearth and marriage

Responsibilities: Protector of orphans and the home

Powers: None, although she held great influence with the other gods and goddesses

Symbols: None, but almost every home had a shrine to her

Weapons: None

Home: Mount Olympus



Parents: Cronos and

Rhea

Married to: Unmarried

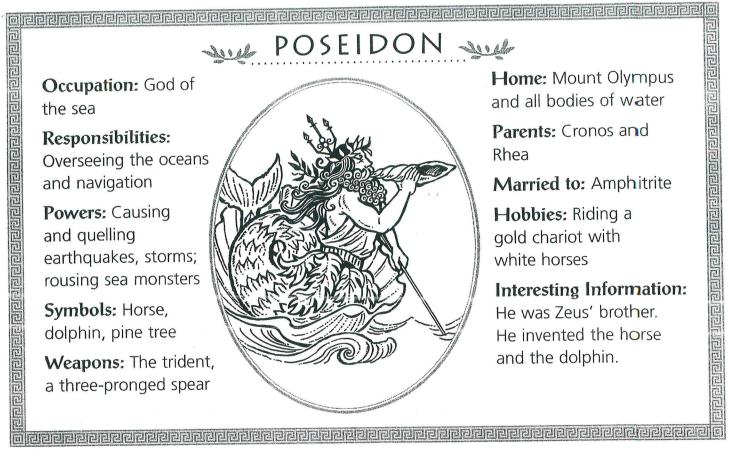
Hobbies: Protecting

homes

Interesting Information:

As the most sacred of the Olympians, Hestia was considered too good for gossip. She eventually gave up her throne to Dionysus to tend the palace hearth.

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Occupation: King of

the gods

Responsibilities: Ruler of Mount Olympus, Earth, and sky; ruler of all mortals and immortals

Powers: Can change himself into any form; can banish others to the underworld or bestow immortality

Symbols: Eagle, oak tree

Weapons: Thunderbolts,

lightning





Home: Mount Olympus

Parents: Cronos and Rhea

Married to: Hera

**Hobbies:** Courting goddesses and mortal women; hiding from Hera; administering justice among mortals and immortals

Interesting Information:

Zeus led the new gods, many of whom were his siblings, to victory over the Titans. He built the palace on Mount Olympus.