

Greek Gods and Goddesses

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Everybody Zeus and his siblings live in a palace with 12 thrones located on Mount Olympus.

1. **Zeus.** Three facts: Zeus is the god of gods and goddesses and also the god of heaven and earth. He is the son of Corinth. Zeus was not a faithful husband. The symbol of Zeus is a thunderbolt, an eagle, and an oak tree.
2. **Hermes.** Four facts: Hermes is the messenger god and the god of motion, commerce, and travelers. Hermes' father is Zeus. Hermes like to steal from the other gods, especially Apollo. The symbol of Hermes is the winged shoes, a winged helmet, and a caduceus.
3. **Apollo.** Four facts: Apollo was the god of light, music, poetry, and healing. Apollo was the twin brother of Artemis. He had a bad temper and when he was 4 days old, killed the serpent that tormented his mother. His symbols were the laurel tree, a lyre, and bows and arrows.
4. **Poseidon.** Three facts: Poseidon was the god of the sea, earthquakes, and horses. Poseidon is the brother of Zeus. His symbols were a trident, a bull, and a horse.
5. **Ares.** Four facts: Ares was the god of war. Ares was the son of Zeus and Hera. He delighted in destruction. His symbols were a war helmet, a spear, a dog, and a vulture.
6. **Hephaestus.** Two facts: Hephaestus was the god of fire and blacksmiths. His symbols were an axe, an anvil, and a blacksmith's hammer.
7. **Aphrodite.** Four facts: Aphrodite was the goddess of love and beauty. She is the daughter of Zeus. Aphrodite could be very loving and helpful, but was also ill-tempered, vain, and selfish. Her symbols were a myrtle tree and a dove.

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8. **Artemis.** Four facts: Artemis is the goddess of the moon, wildlife, hunting and children. Apollo is Artemis' twin brother. She was vengeful, she once turned a man into a deer for spying on her. Her symbols were a deer and a bow and arrow.
9. **Demeter.** Four facts: Demeter is the goddess of agriculture. She was the mother of Persephone and one of the wives of Zeus. She is strong-willed, nurturing, motherly, and even generous. Her symbols were a shock of wheat, corn, and a torch.
10. **Hera.** Three facts: Hera was the goddess of marriage. Hera was one of the wives of Zeus. Her sons were Hermes and Ares, Poseidon, Hades, and others. Her symbols were a peacock, a scepter, and a cow.
11. **Athena.** Three facts: Athena was the goddess of crafts, wisdom, and war. When Zeus swallowed one of his wives, Athena came forth from his forehead. Her symbols were a shield, an owl, and an olive tree.
12. **Hestia.** Three facts: Hestia was the goddess of the hearth. Zeus and Poseidon were Hestia's brothers. Her symbols were a hearth and fire.