

Zeus

Zeus was the most powerful of all the gods. He was the 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 but he had many other lovers.

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 them.

Poseidon

Poseidon was the God of the Sea. He was the most powerful god, except for his brother, Zeus.

He carried a trident with three prongs as a weapon and rode on a chariot pulled by sea horses.

Did you know?

He lived in a beautiful palace under the sea and caused earthquakes when he was angry.



Hades

Hades was the brother of Zeus and the God of the Dead, he ruled the Greek underworld where people went when they died.

Ancient Greeks were quite afraid of him and they sacrificed to Hades when they wanted something bad to happen.

Did you know?

He was also the God of Wealth because of the precious metals mined from the earth.



Ares

Ares was the God of War. He was cruel and a coward. His symbols include the vulture and the dog and he often carried a bloody spear.

He was the son of Zeus and Hera, but they did not like him.

He killed a giant Ekhidnades, a fierce monster and an enemy of the gods.

Did you know?

His throne was upholstered in human skin.



Aphrodite

Aphrodite was the goddess of love and beauty, and the protector of sailors.

She may have been the daughter of Zeus or she may have risen from the shell on the sea.

Her skin was 'whiter than ivory', her hair as golden as the setting sun and her eyes as blue as the summer sky.

Did you know?

Aphrodite changed a statue into a human so one of her loyal followers could have the statue as his wife.



Hermes

Hermes was Zeus's youngest son. He was very fast on his feet and very clever, so Zeus decided to make him a messenger.

Hermes always knew everything that was going on in the mythical world.

The other gods trusted Hermes. He was very clever and loyal and was a very good negotiator.

Did you know?

Many Ancient Greeks believed that Hermes was responsible for the invention of the alphabet, boxing and gymnastics.

