

Year 2 General Studies Greek Mythology

The Greeks had numerous gods and many stories and myths that surrounded them. Greek mythology consists of all the stories and tales about the Greek gods, goddesses, and heroes. It is also the religion of Ancient Greece as the Greeks built temples and offered sacrifices to their major gods.

Zeus

Zeus was the king of the Greek gods who lived on Mount Olympus. He was the god of the sky and thunder. His symbols include the lightning bolt, the eagle, the bull, and the oak tree. Zeus was the most powerful of the Greek gods and had a number of powers. His most famous power is the ability to throw lightning bolts.

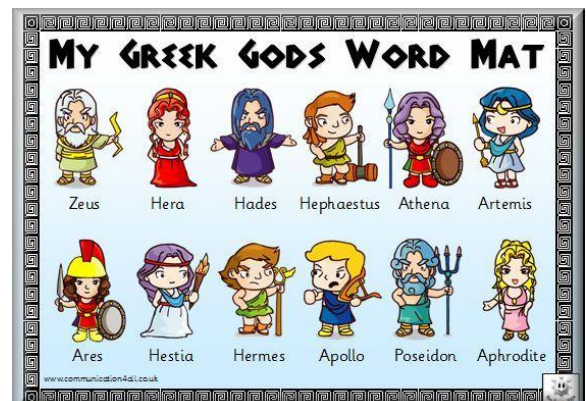


Apollo

Apollo was the son of Zeus (king of all the gods.) He had lots of jobs in the ancient Greek god world. Apollo was the god of healing, the god of light, the god of truth, the god of medicine, and the god of music and musicians. One of his most important jobs was to bring up the sun every day. Like his sister, he was a great archer, and often carried a silver bow.

Is Mount Olympus a real place?

Yes. Mount Olympus is Greece's highest mountain. Today, Mount Olympus is one of Greece's national parks. Thousands of years ago, this real mountain was believed by the ancient Greek people to be the mountain top home of some pretty powerful gods. When things had to be decided in the mythical world, a group of 12 gods called the Olympians met on Mount Olympus to discuss things.



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Questions

1. Who was the king of the Greek gods?

2. How many Greek gods met at Mount Olympus to discuss things?

3. Who was Apollo's father?

4. What was Apollo's important job to do each day?

5. Zeus' symbols included the lightning bolt. True / False

6. Choose a Greek god and draw them below.

