

Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses

GREEK GODS

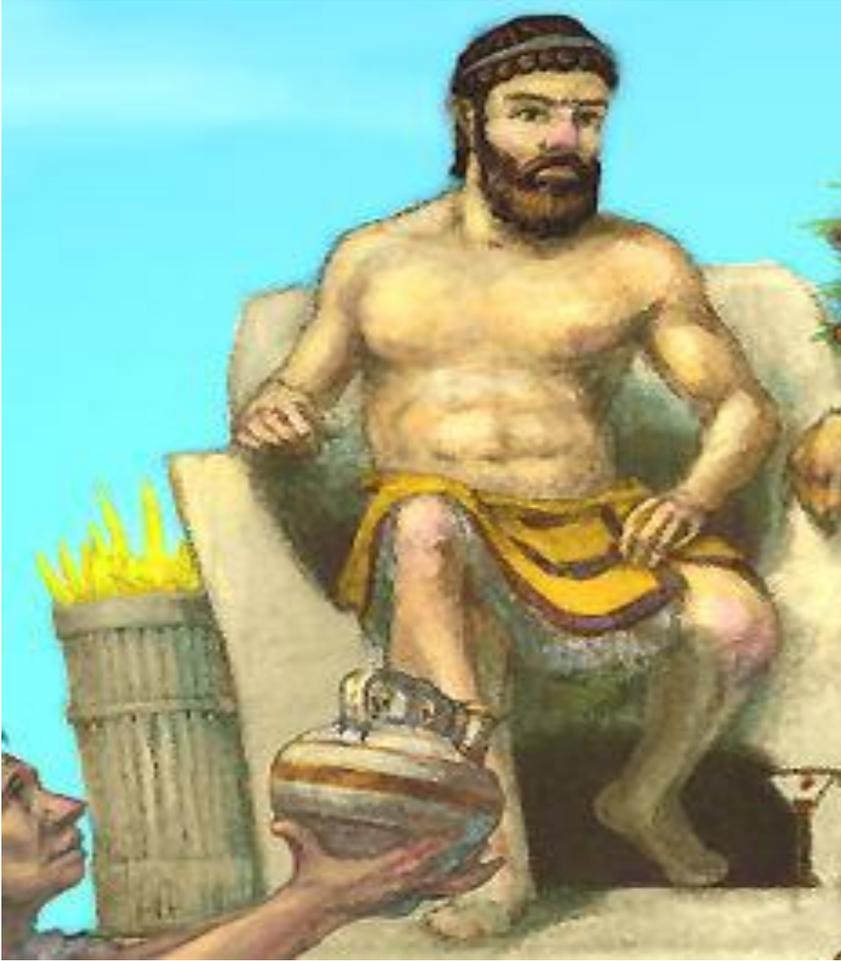
THE OLYMPIANS.

Twelve immortals who lived in a magnificent palace on the heights of Mount Olympus, from which they took their name.

The Greeks believed the gods and goddesses watched over them and controlled events on earth. Although some people doubted they lived at all, there are many myths and legends surrounding the Gods!

The gods were special, but like ordinary people they still fell in love, felt jealous and often behaved badly.

ZEUS



- Supreme God of the Olympians.
- Father of Greek heroes Perseus and Hercules.
- Brother of Poseidon and Hades.
- Controlled the heavens and used a thunderbolt as his weapon to make other Gods obey him.
- Powerful and terrifying.

HERA



- Goddess of marriage and protector of women.
- Seen with a peacock.
- Queen of the Olympians.
- Wife of Zeus.

ARES



- God of war.
- Young and handsome.
- Son of Zeus.
- Violent.
- Could change his shape.

POSEIDON



- God of the sea, earthquakes and horses.
- Brother to Zeus and Hades.
- Carries a 3 pronged trident.
- Rides through the waves in a gold chariot pulled by white horses.

HERMES



- Messenger of the gods and guide of dead souls to the Underworld.
- Wore sandals with wings so he could fly.
- A naughty child!
- Son of Zeus.

APHRODITE



- Goddess of love and beauty
- Protector of sailors.
- Golden belt and a white dove.
- Girls that are about to get married make offers to Aphrodite.

APOLLO



- God of the sun.
- Responsible for music, poetry, science and healing.
- Carries a small harp and a raven.
- His twin sister is Artemis.

ARTEMIS



- Goddess of the moon and hunting.
- Protector of animals and small children.
- Her twin brother is Apollo.

ATHENA



- Goddess of crafts and war.
- Excellent warrior!
- Her symbol was the owl.
- She also became the goddess of wisdom.