

Important Figures in Greek Mythology

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Zeus, King of the Gods

- ★ God of the sky, thunder, lightning, and justice
- ★ Son of Rhea and Cronus (Kronos)
 - Rhea hid him in a cave so Cronos didn't eat him
- ★ Offspring: Ares, **Athena**, **Apollo**, Artemis, **Aphrodite**, Dionysus, Hermes, Hephaestus, **Heracles**, **Perseus**, & Helen of Troy
- ★ Siblings: **Hades**, **Poseidon**, **Hera**, Demeter, & Hestia
- ★ Roman Counterpart: Jupiter
- ★ Spouse: Hera
 - A lot of problems in Greek Mythology are because of Zeus

Zeus, continued

- ★ Common Symbols: Thunderbolt, Eagle, Bull, and the Oak Tree
- ★ Has a shield called Aegis
- ★ Sided with the Trojans, against his wife, Hera
- ★ The Olympics were held every year in honor of him
- ★ Raped a woman in the form of a golden shower: Danae
- ★ Fought the monster Typhon while his brothers hid
 - This is how Mount Etna became a volcano



Zeus Questions

A myth claims that after siding with this god in an argument, Tiresias was blinded, and this god compensated for it by giving him a longer life. Another myth claims that this figure was dangled by a rope in his youth in order to avoid being seen by his father, who ruled the sky, earth, and seas, and this god gave Trojans horses as compensation for (*) abducting Ganymede so he could be cup-bearer at Mount Olympus. and he once turned into a white bull in order to kidnap Europa. This god killed his father after forcing him to regurgitate his siblings. For ten points, name this Greek god, the son of Rhea and Cronus and the king of the gods, who is often shown hurling thunderbolts.

Answer: Zeus

This figure assumed the shape of a dove to seduce a daughter of Phoroneus named Phthia. This deity transformed Eurymedousa into an ant and raped her. He also impregnated a woman trapped in an underground bronze chamber by King Acrisius in the form of a (*) golden shower, which entered her womb; that woman was Danae. The mother of King Minos, Europa, was abducted by this god in the form of a white bull. For 10 points, name this Greek god who took the form of a swan to seduce Leda, the father of Perseus and Hephaestus.

Answer: Zeus

Hera, Queen of the Gods

- ★ Goddess of Women, Marriage, & Childbirth
- ★ Daughter of Rhea and Cronus
- ★ Offspring: **Ares**, Eris, Hebe, Eileithyia, and **Hephaestus**
- ★ Siblings: **Hades**, **Poseidon**, **Zeus**, Hestia, Demeter
- ★ Roman Counterpart: Juno
- ★ Spouse: Zeus
- ★ Symbols: Pomegranate, Lily, Cow, Cuckoo, Lotus, Peacock
- ★ Patron Goddess of Argos
- ★ Put snakes in Herakles(Heracles)crib because of Jealousy
- ★ Echo the nymph was used to distract Hera during Zeus' affairs
 - Hera cursed her into only being able to repeat what she had just heard



Hera Questions

The Mycenaean “house sanctuaries” are thought to have been dedicated to this deity. This figure turned Tiresias into a woman when he struck a pair of snakes with a stick. This deity offered Hebe to Heracles as his bride, and Nephele was created to resemble this deity. This goddess offered Paris (*) control over all of Europe and Asia, and she indirectly caused Semele to burst into flames. Heracles killed two snakes that were sent by this goddess to kill him because she was jealous. For 10 points, name this wife of Zeus, the chief goddess of the Greek pantheon.

Answer: Hera

This goddess was first wooed by her husband when he disguised himself as a cuckoo and hid in her bosom. Ixion was condemned to Tartarus for making advances on this goddess who blinded Tiresias after he ruled in favor of women in an argument. This goddess placed the eyes of the watchman (*) Argos in her favorite animal, the peacock. This goddess refused to allow Leto a place to give birth, sent a gadfly to sting Io, and placed snakes in the crib of Heracles, all out of jealousy over her husband's affairs. For 10 points, name this goddess of marriage, a wife of Zeus and queen of the Greek gods.

Answer: Hera

Hades, God of the Underworld

- ★ God of the Underworld, Wealth, and Death
- ★ Son of Rhea and Cronus
- ★ Offspring: Melinoe, Macaria, **Zagreus**, Mesperian
- ★ Siblings: **Zeus**, **Poseidon**, **Hera**, Demeter, & Hestia
- ★ Roman Counterpart: Pluto
- ★ Spouse: Persephone
- ★ Common Symbols: Scepter, Cerberus, drinking horn, Cypress tree
- ★ Eldest of the 3 brothers
- ★ Kidnapped Persephone and fed her pomegranate seeds
- ★ Basically let Heracles kidnap his dog as one of **The Twelve Labors of Heracles**

Hades Questions

This god's wife gave birth to Melinoe by Zeus, who disguised himself as this god. This god pursued the nymph Minthe, who was turned into the mint plant. After killing Medusa, Perseus escaped the other Gorgons with this god's Helm of Darkness. One person entered this god's realm by giving three barley cakes to the guard, while another person lulled that guard to sleep with his lyre. This owner of Cerberus abducted his wife while she was picking flowers in Nysa and tricked her into eating pomegranate seeds so that she would have to stay with him. For 10 points, name this husband of Persephone and Greek god of the underworld.

Hades [or Aidoneus; or Plouton; or Clymenus; or Polydegmon; do not prompt on or accept "Pluto"]

During the siege of Pylos, this figure suffered an arrow wound in the shoulder at the hands of Heracles. This man bound Pirithous with snakes after the latter attempted to steal his wife. This god's wife turned the nymph Minthe into a plant out of jealousy. During the Titanomachy, the Cyclopes forged a (*) helmet for this deity. This god allowed Heracles to take Cerberus as part of the latter's Twelve Labors. This Olympian forced his kidnapped wife to stay in his realm after consuming pomegranate seeds. For 10 points, name this Greco-Roman deity, the husband of Persephone and ruler of the Underworld.

Hades [accept "Pluto" or "Plouton" or "Aides" or "Aidoneus"]

Poseidon, God of the Sea

- ★ God of the Sea, Earthquakes, and Horses
- ★ Son of Rhea and Cronus
- ★ Offspring: **Orion, Triton, Theseus, Polyphemus**, and Charybdis
- ★ Siblings: **Hades, Zeus, Hera**, Demeter, & Hestia
- ★ Roman Counterpart: Neptune
- ★ Spouse: Amphitrite
- ★ Common Symbols: Trident, Dolphin, Horse, Bull and Fish
- ★ Convinced Hephaestus to free Ares

Poseidon Questions

After Hephaestus captured Ares and Aphrodite in his bed, this deity did not laugh and instead convinced Hephaestus to release Ares. Idas used a winged chariot provided by this god to run away with Marpessa. This deity saved the Danaid (“duh-NAY-id”) Amyone (“ah-mee-MOH-nee”) from a satyr before seducing her himself and fathering Nauplius. After Hera induced insanity in Athamas, who attempted to kill his wife Ino and his son Melicertes, Aphrodite successfully convinced this deity to immortalize them. This deity helped the (*) insatiably hungry Erysichthon by giving his daughter Mestra the ability to shapeshift, a gift he also bestowed on his other children Periclymenus (“pair-ick-LIM-in-us”) and Neleus. At his wedding, this god presented Peleus with the immortal horses Balius and Xanthus. This deity lost a contest when Cecrops (“SEE-crops”) voted in favor of an olive tree rather than the salt spring he created. For 10 points, name this god whose less helpful actions included starting earthquakes, the Greek god of the ocean.

Poseidon