

The Greek and Roman Gods and Goddesses

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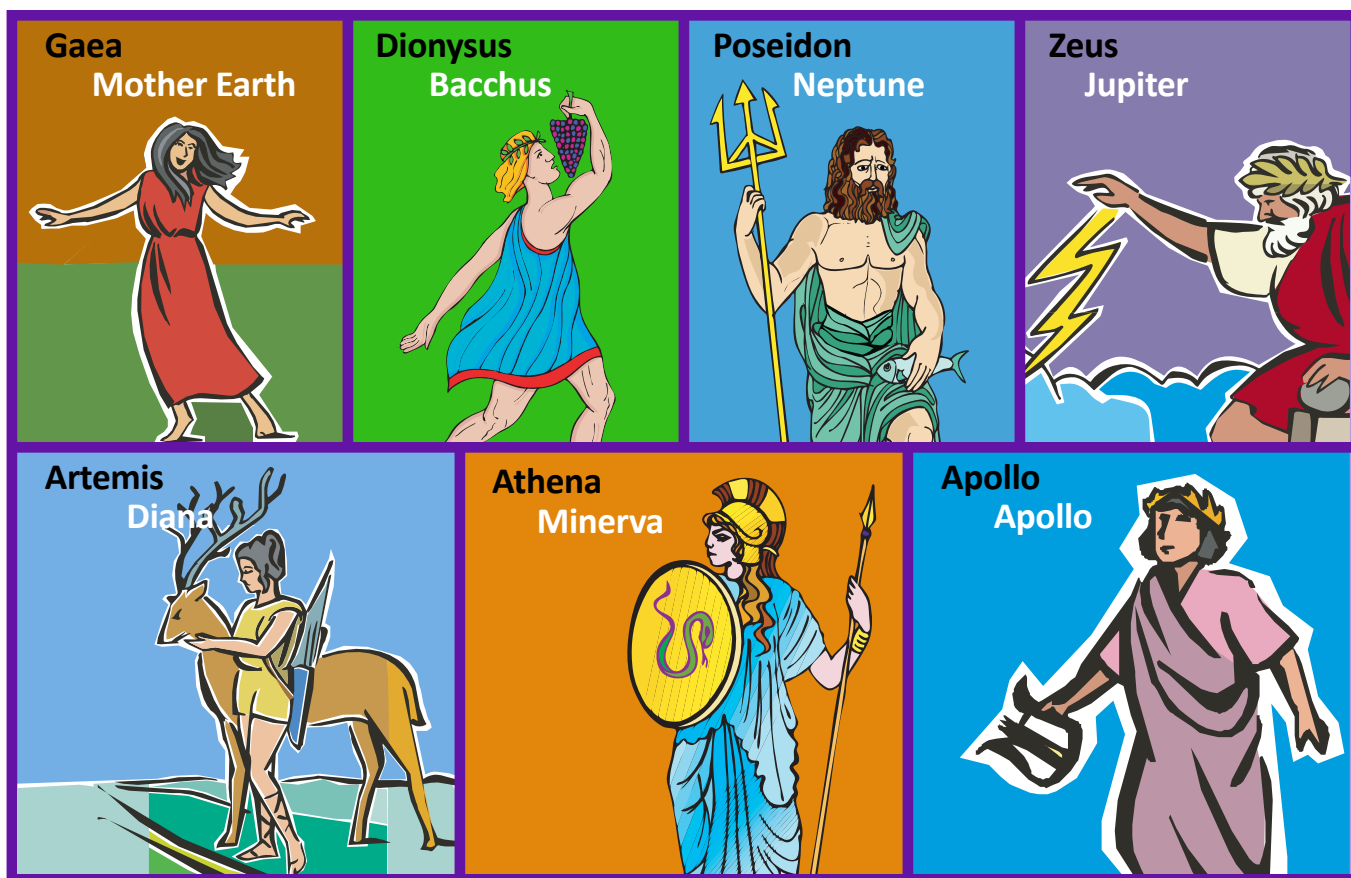
Some of the Greek gods are larger than legend. Most of them have two names; one is Greek and the other is Roman. Their names and personalities are still with us today. For example, some of the planets in our solar system are named after them.

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| • Ares—Mars | • Zeus—Jupiter |
| • Cronus—Saturn | • Poseidon—Neptune |
| • Aphrodite—Venus | • Hades—Pluto* |
| • Hermes—Mercury | • Uranus—Uranus |

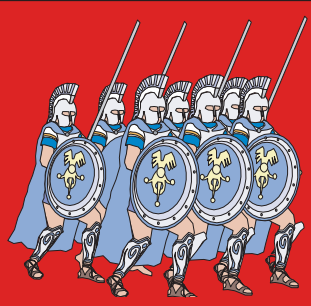







* In 2006 the status of Pluto was downgraded to "dwarf planet."







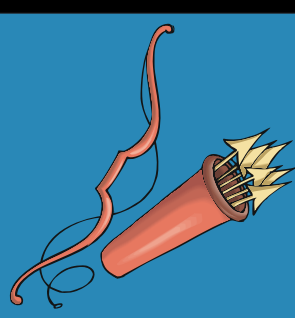


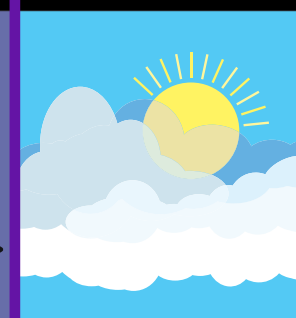
The Greeks and Romans worshipped the same gods, just with different names. The Greek gods and goddesses are in black type and the Roman gods and goddesses are in white type.



Here are more gods and goddesses with Greek and Roman names.

Ares  God of War	Persephone  Goddess of Spring	Hestia  Goddess of the Fireplace	Demeter  Goddess of the Harvest
Aphrodite  Goddess of Love	Hephaestus  God of Smiths and Fire	Hera  Very Jealous Queen of the Gods	Cronus  First King of the Gods

The gods and goddesses were in charge of different aspects of life. Above are some examples.

Gaea	Dionysus	Poseidon	Zeus
			
Mother Earth	God of Wine	God of the Sea	Second King of the Gods
Artemis	Athena	Apollo	Uranus
			
Goddess of Hunters	Goddess of Wisdom	God of Light and Music	God of the Sky

Here are more examples of gods and goddesses and the different aspects of life they governed.



The Greeks and Romans had many of the same questions about the unknown, just like we do. They answered their questions about love or war or the earth by praying to a particular god or goddess.

Christians pray to the one God who is everything.

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