

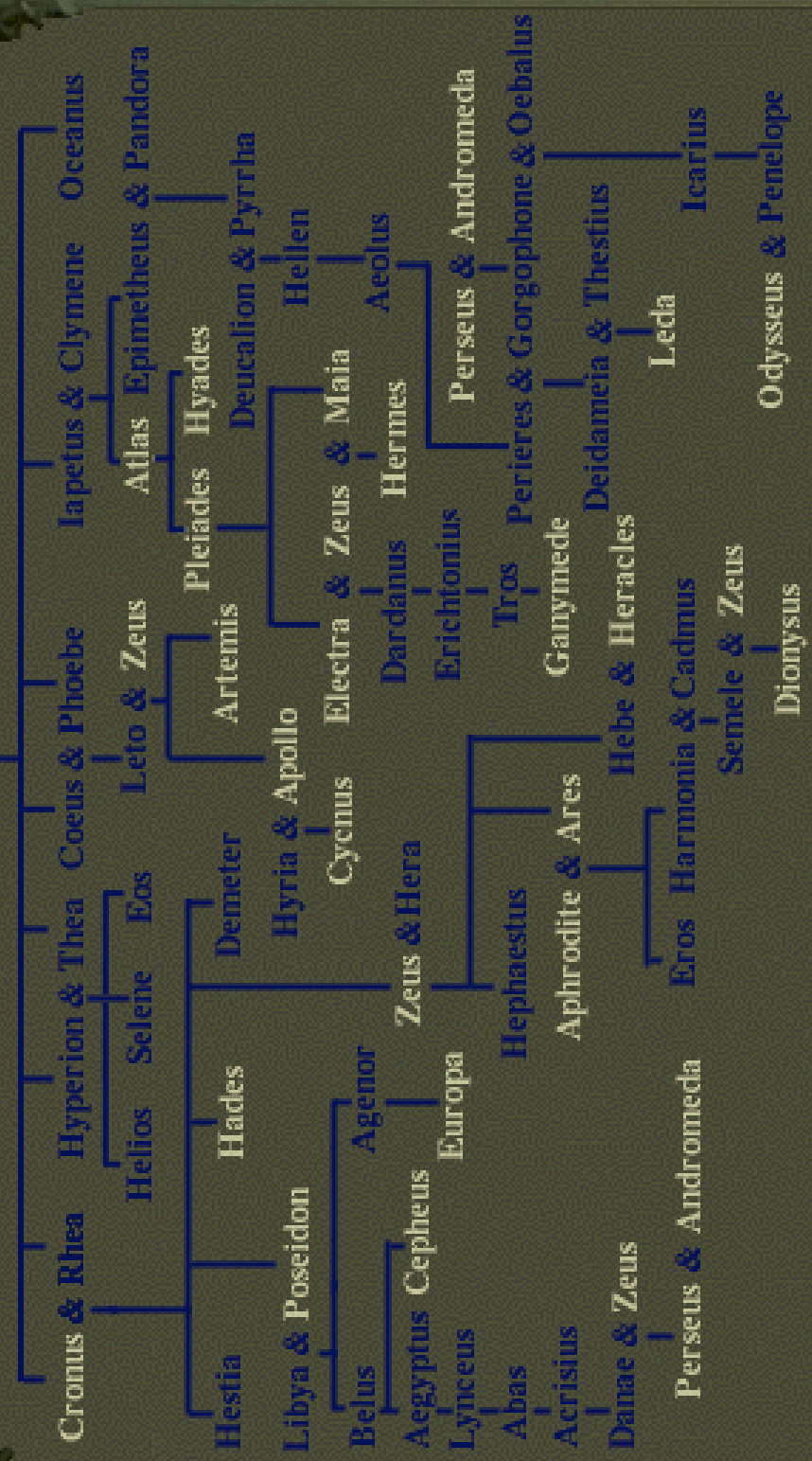
# Greek Mythology Packet and Study Guide



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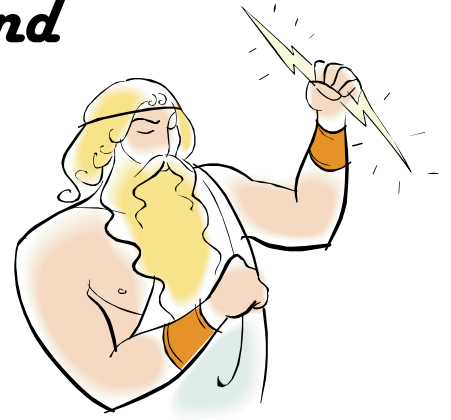
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Gaea & Uranus





# *An Introduction to the Gods (And Goddesses!)*



Zeus - King of the Gods

Hera - Queen of the Gods

Aphrodite - goddess of love and beauty

Apollo - god of light, truth, healing, archery, music, poetry

Ares - god of war

Artemis - goddess of hunt, moon, children

Athena - goddess of wisdom, war, patriotism and good citizenship

Demeter - goddess of grain, agriculture, fertility

Dionysus - god of wine, vegetation, and theater

Hades - god of the underworld

Hephaestus - god of forge and fire

Hermes - messenger of the gods, god of motion, travelers, commerce, thieves, and sheep

Hestia - goddess of the hearth and home

Poseidon - god of the sea, earthquakes, and horses



## Demeter's Lost Daughter



Aim: What purpose did this myth serve for the Greeks?

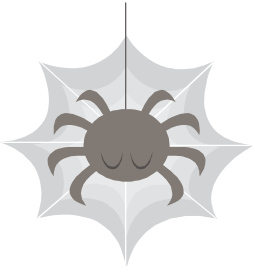
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Study Questions:

1. Demeter assumes Zeus is behind the kidnapping. What does this tell us about him?
2. Why were the mortals and gods alike afraid of Hades?
3. What natural occurrence did this myth attempt to explain?
4. Based on this story, what do you think Demeter's personality is?
5. Based on this story, what do you think Persephone's personality is?
6. Return to AIM: What purpose did this myth serve for the Greeks?



## Arachne and Narcissus – Studies in Pride



AIM: What did the Greeks seem to think about pride?

HW: Finish the study questions.

Study Questions: Arachne:

1. In the gods' opinion, what would Arachne's greatest fault be?

2. Why do you think Athena first disguises herself as an old lady?

3. Would you say Arachne's punishment fits her crime? Explain.

Study Questions: Echo and Narcissus:

1. Define narcissism:

2. Does Hera's punishment of Echo fit the crime?

3. From what you've read in this myth, what does it mean to be a narcissist?

4. What lessons did the Greek storytellers hope to convey with this myth?

Study Questions for both stories:

1. Why was it bad in ancient times to be too proud?
2. Why might the gods encourage humility?
3. Myths do not only teach lessons and morals, but they teach ideas that a society finds *beneficial*. What is the benefit of humility to a society?
4. Return to AIM: What did the Greeks think of pride?



The Story of Atalanta

AIM: How did the Greeks view gender roles?

HW: Finish study questions. Study

Questions: How would you describe Atalanta?



1. In ancient Greece, was Atalanta someone to be admired? Why or why not?
2. Would Hippomenes have won the race without the help of Venus? Explain.
3. Judging by this myth, what did the ancient Greeks think of women? Give reasons!
4. What was the theme or message of this myth? Be specific.



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Directions: Choose ONE god or goddess from your packet. Read THREE myths concerning your choice and summarize them below. (The summary only needs to be a sentence or two.) From your readings, write a well-constructed paragraph (with quotes!) describing the personality of the god/dess chosen. Use quotes!

Notes: You may use the internet or print materials for this. Please PRINT OUT or PHOTOCOPY your myths and attach to this packet. Find some lesser known god/desses if you want! Don't feel compelled to write about Zeus/Apollo/Athena/etc.

God/dess chosen:

They are the god/dess of:

Story #1 Title:

Story #1 Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

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Story #2 Title:

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Story #3 Title:

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