

Greek Gods and Goddesses

The ancient Greeks worshipped many gods and goddesses who they believed controlled different parts of the world. These gods were thought to live on Mount Olympus, the highest mountain in Greece. The most powerful was Zeus, king of the gods, who ruled the sky and threw thunderbolts when he was angry. His brother Poseidon governed the oceans, and another brother, Hades, ruled the underworld — the land of the dead.

Zeus's daughter Athena was the goddess of wisdom and war strategy. She was also the protector of the city of Athens, which was named after her. Apollo was the god of the sun, music and poetry, while his twin sister Artemis was the goddess of the moon and hunting.

The Greeks told exciting stories, called myths, about their gods. These myths explained things in nature, like why the seasons change, and taught lessons about how people should behave.

Questions

1. Where did the Greek gods live?
2. Who was the king of the gods?
3. What did Zeus throw when he was angry?
4. What did Poseidon govern?
5. Who ruled the underworld?
6. What was Athena the goddess of?
7. Which city was named after Athena?
8. What was Apollo the god of?
9. Who was Apollo's twin sister and what was she goddess of?
10. The myths explained why the seasons change. What does this tell you about why the Greeks might have invented these stories?



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