

Greek Gods & Goddesses

The Greeks had a "Top Twelve" list of deities that lived on top of Mount Olympus. Each god or goddess was given particular roles that the Greeks used to explain the phenomena of their world. Take notes to describe each of the deities listed below. The more detail you use the better- your understanding of the following gods and goddesses will help you further understand the text of *The Odyssey*.



Aphrodite - goddess of love, romance, and beauty

Apollo - god of the sun, light, medicine, and music

Ares - god of war

Artemis - goddess of the hunt

Athena - goddess of wisdom & war

Demeter - goddess of agriculture

Hephaestus - god of fire and the forge

Hera - wife of Zeus, protector of marriage and family

Hermes - messenger of the gods

Hestia - goddess of home and homelife

Poseidon - god of the sea

Zeus - Supreme lord of gods, god of the sky

Hades brother of Zeus and Poseidon, god of the underworld