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**STUDY GUIDE:
 MYTHOLOGY, THE GODS AND GODDESSES**

<u>The Greek Name</u>	<u>The Roman Name</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Zeus	Jupiter	Leader of the other gods. He defeated the Titans to rule the universe. He lived on Mount Olympus, and was associated with a thunderbolt, which he threw when angry.
2. Hera	Juno	Wife of Zeus (and his sister). The goddess who protected Marriage. She was very jealous of Zeus, and tried to harm all the mortal women that he chose.
3. Aphrodite	Venus	Goddess of love and beauty. Wife of Hephaestus, god of The forge. She supposedly was born out of the foam of the sea.
4. Apollo	Apollo	God of poetry, healing, medicine, and light. (sun) A wonderful musician, son of Zeus and Leto. Artemis was his TWIN sister. The sun was Apollo's chariot, which he rode across the sky.

5. Ares	Mars	The god of war and bloodshed. Son of Zeus and Hera. Father Of the Amazons.
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6. Artemis	Diana	Goddess of the hunt and moon. Daughter of Zeus and Hera. Twin sister of Apollo.
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7. Athena	Minerva	The goddess of wisdom.
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She sprang fully grown out of the head of Zeus. She was also the guardian of the city of Athens. In the Iliad, she was also a goddess of battle.

8. Dionysus	Bacchus	God of wine and parties.
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9. Demeter	Ceres	Goddess of agriculture.
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10. Eros	Cupid	God of love.
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He is described as an extremely handsome man. In art, he is pictured as a chubby, winged infant who shoots arrows at people to make them fall in love.

11. Hades	Pluto	God of the underworld and ruler of the dead. Brother of Zeus and Poseidon
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The planet, Pluto, is named after him.

12. Hephaestus	Vulcan	God of metalworking and fire husband of Aphrodite, son of Zeus and Hera.
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He is pictured as ugly and lame.

13. Hermes	Mercury	The messenger god, son of Zeus.
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He carried messages to the mortals and could go swiftly because he had wings on his sandals and cap. The planet, Mercury, which travels around the sun the fastest, is named after him.

14. Pan	Pan	The god of flocks, forests, meadows, and shepherds.
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Pan played a set of reed pipes, and made scary noises at night, which frightened people, causing them to “panic.”

15. Poseidon

Neptune

The god who ruled the sea
brother of Zeus and Hades.

He gave the horse to mortal man. The "blue planet", Neptune, is named for him.

16. Hestia

Vesta

Goddess of the hearth and
home. Sister of Zeus and
Hera.

According to the legend, every city was to build a public hearth and dedicate it to Vesta. A fire was to be kept burning in every public hearth.

MOUNT OLYMPUS: The Greek and Roman gods and goddesses lived on Mount Olympus, which is an actual mountain in Greece. The Olympic games were held every four years on a plain near this mountain in honor of Zeus. Supposedly, the modern Olympic games are fashioned after these.

MYTHOLOGICAL CREATURES

AMAZONS: A group of extremely large wicked women, who fought in battles using bows and arrows.

CENTAURS: Creatures who were half human (top half) and half horse.

CHIMERA: (key MEER uh) A monster with the head of a lion, the body of a goat, and the tail of a dragon.

CYCLOPS: Giants having one eye in the center of their head.

FURIES: Horrible female monsters who chased evil people.

GRACES: The three lovely ladies who signified loveliness and charm, and were invited to every banquet and social event.

HARPIES: Huge, vicious birds with women's faces.

MEDUSA: A Gorgon having snakes for hair. Anyone who looked at her would turn to stone. Perseus finally killed her.

MINOTAUR: A creature who was half and half bull.

MUSES: The nine lovely goddesses who encouraged learning, poetry, and the arts.

NYMPHS: Female spirits who lived in nature: forest, and water.

PEGASUS: He was a flying, winged horse who belonged to the Muses.

PHOENIX: A bird that would burn itself to death every five years and then arise anew from the ashes.

SATYRS: (Called Fauns by the Romans) Creatures who were half man and half goat. They spent most of their time chasing the Muses.

SIRENS: Evil creatures living on a rocky islands, who would lure sailors to them by their beautiful, singing voices. Most of the sailors would then ship wreck or die. Odysseus told his men to plug their ears so they wouldn't hear them.

SPYINX: A winged monster with the head of a woman and the body of a lion.

UNICORN: A small horse with a long, straight horn grown outward from the center of its head.
