| ***GREEK NAME***  | ***ROMAN NAME***  | ***CHARACTERISTICS***  | ***SYMBOL(S)***  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Zeus (ZOOS)  | Jupiter (JOO-pit-er)  | King of the gods. He is sometimes angry at the behavior of gods and people, but he can also be a gentle and caring ruler. he is particularly fond of beautiful women, regardless of whether they are goddesses or mortals.  | thunderbolt, shield, oak tree  |
| Poseidon (poh-SIE-don)  | Neptune (NEP-toon)  | Zeus's brother, God of the ocean and the earthquakes. He is often distinguished in art by the fisherman's trident that he carries-a three pronged spear.  | trident, horse, bull  |
| Hera (HEE-ruh)  | Juno (Joo-noh)  | Zeus's wife. Queen of the gods, guardian of marriage. She is a great lady and diplomat. Though she is often jealous and nags her husband, she can also be a tender and loving wife.  | peacock, cow  |
| Athena (uh-THEEN-uh)  | Minerva (min-ER-vuh)  | Daughter of Zeus (born, it is said, from his brain, when he had a bad headache). She is the goddess of wisdom and war, patriotism, and good citizenship. She is the protector and namesake of the city of Athens.  | owl, shield, olive tree  |
| Apollo [uh-PAW-loh]  | Apollo  | Son of Zeus. God of poetry, music, medicine and light. He is associated with the sun.  | crow, dolphin, laurel, lyre  |
| Artemis [AR-tim-is]  | Diana [die-AN-uh]  | Apollo's twin sister. Goddess of hunting and of wild things. She is associated with the moon. She is sometimes called "Cynthia."  | stag, crescent, moon, cypress  |
| Hades [HAY-deez]  | Pluto [PLU-toe]  | God of the underworld.  | helmet, metal jewels  |
| Ares [Air-eez]  | Mars [MARZ]  | Son of Zeus. Terrible god of war.  | vulture, dog  |
| Hephaestus [hee-FES-tuhs]  | Vulcan [VUL-kan]  | Son of Zeus and Hera, the lame blacksmith god of fire.  | fire, blacksmith's hammer  |
| Aphrodite [af-roh-DIE-tee}  | Venus [VEE-nus]  | The wife of Hephaestus, she is the goddess of love and beauty. She is said to have been born of the sea foam. Her son, Eros [AIR-ohss] (the Roman Cupid [KU-pid]), shoots arrows which cause men and women to fall in love. Another son, Aeneas [ee NEE-uhs], is a mortal man, considered to be the ancestor of the Romans.  | dove, goose, sparrow, myrtle  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Hestia [HES-tee-uh]  | Vesta [VES-tuh]  | Zeus's sister. Goddess of home and hearth.  | hearth  |
| Demeter [dee-MEE-ter]  | Ceres [SEER-eez]  | Zeus's sister. She is the very important goddess of grain and agriculture. She is a kind of bond between heaven and earth.  | wheat  |

Monsters to Know:

  

Medusa Kraken Cerberus Hydra

   

Minotaur Harpy Chimera Cyclopes