

# ANCIENT GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES PACKET

This unit includes the major Olympian gods and touches on some of the famous mythology of Ancient Greece.



This has been a really fun unit. The **Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses Packet** includes all kinds of different types of activities from traditional notebook pages to interactive notebook pages, matching cards and an Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses board game! Plus, there are project cards so that kids can create their own poster-sized Greek God Family Tree!

# ANCIENT GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES ACTIVITIES

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Head of sky, weather, lightning, sun, moon, stars, planets, and time.

God of war, brother, strength, honor, justice, and courage.

God of sea, brother, strength, honor, justice, and courage.

God of earth, brother, strength, honor, justice, and courage.

God of sun, brother, strength, honor, justice, and courage.

God of moon, brother, strength, honor, justice, and courage.

God of stars, brother, strength, honor, justice, and courage.

God of planets, brother, strength, honor, justice, and courage.

God of time, brother, strength, honor, justice, and courage.

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**URANUS** (Father Sky)      **GAEA** (Mother Earth)

**CRONUS** (Leader of the Titans)      **RHEA** (Fertility and Motherhood)

**ZEUS** (The weather, brother, sun, moon, stars, planets, and time)      **HERA** (Marriage and women)

**POSEIDON** (Sea, brother, strength, honor, justice, and courage)      **HADES** (Underworld and the dead)

**DEMETER** (Harvest and growth)      **HESTIA** (Home and chastity)

**LETO** (Mother of Zeus and Hera)

**METIS** (Wisdom)      **MAIA** (Mother of Hermes)

**HEPHAESTUS** (Fire and craftsmanship)      **DIOSKOURI** (Twin brothers)

**APHRODITE** (Love and beauty)

ANCIENT GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES

Illustrations of various gods and goddesses in a grid format.

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Illustrations of various gods and goddesses with their symbols.

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ANCIENT GREEK MYTHOLOGY

Illustrations of various gods and goddesses.

ANCIENT GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES

The ancient Greek world was ruled by a small group of powerful gods called the Olympians. This was the third generation of divine beings. The first generation included Uranus (sky) and Gaia (earth), but Uranus's son Cronus overthrew him. Cronus sired several children with Rhea: Hestia, Demeter, Hera, Hades, and Poseidon, but swallowed them all as soon as they were born because he had learned from Gaia and Uranus that he was destined to be overthrown by his son. When Zeus was about to be born, his wife, Rhea, handed him a rock wrapped in swaddling clothes, which he promptly swallowed. Zeus was raised, far away from his father. After Zeus grew up, he forced Cronus to disgorge the stones one-by-one until all of his siblings were released. Zeus also released Cronus' brothers - the hundred handers and the cyclopes. The cyclopes were so thankful, they gave Zeus thunder and the thunderbolt. The cyclopes gave a titanic to Poseidon and an invisible helmet to Hades to help them defeat the Titans. Over the next 10 years, the War of the Titans raged. Eventually, Zeus led his brothers and sisters to victory. Zeus shared the world with his elder brothers, Poseidon and Hades. They drew lots and Zeus got the sky and air, Poseidon the waters, and Hades the world of the dead (the underworld). Hades lived in the Underworld and Poseidon lived in his palace under the sea. Most of the other gods and goddesses made their home on Mount Olympus. The Olympians included Zeus's siblings and his children. The main gods and goddesses would meet in a council when things had to be decided. These were known as the twelve Olympians. Hestia was the goddess of hearth and home. She used to be one of the Olympians, but the grew tired of all their fighting and bickering. She gave her seat to Dionysus, the god of wine. So, the 12 Olympians included 1) Zeus 2) Hera 3) Poseidon 4) Demeter 5) Athena 6) Ares 7) Apollo 8) Artemis 9) Hermes 10) Aphrodite 11) Dionysus (who received his place from Hestia) and 12) Hephaestus. Hades resided in the Underworld.

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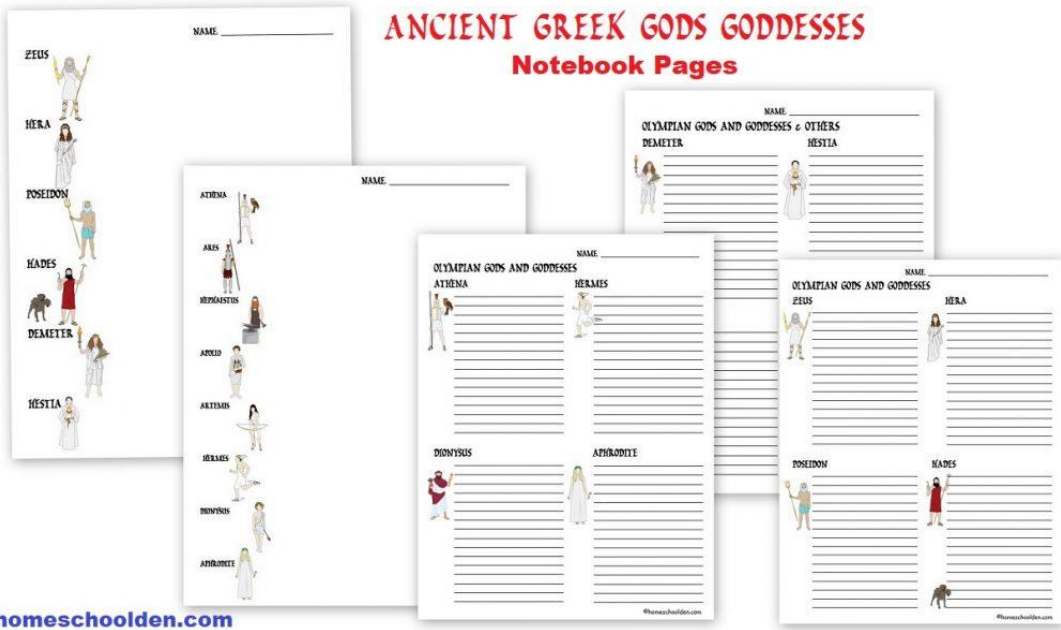
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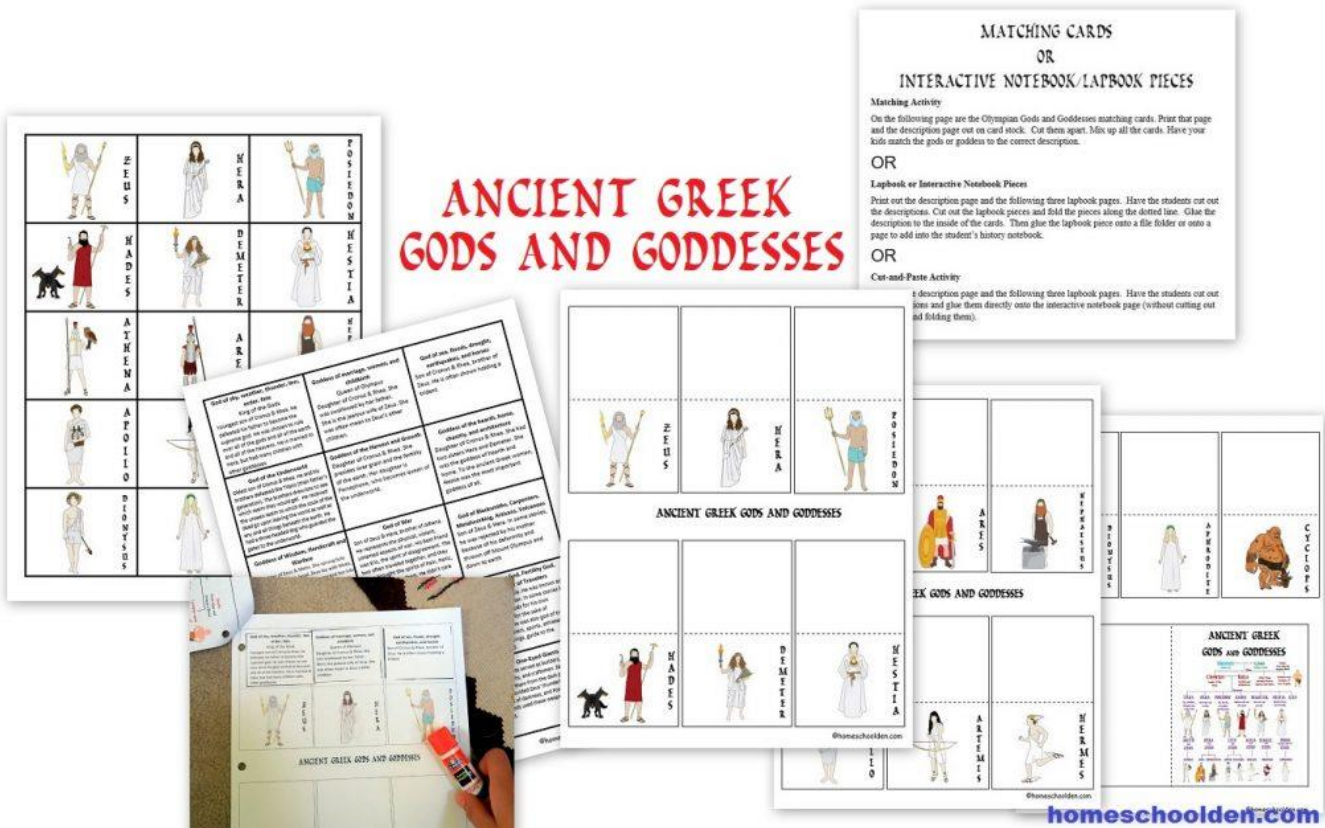
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In the packet there are a number of options for the kids to write about what they learned. There are blank notebook pages with and without lines.



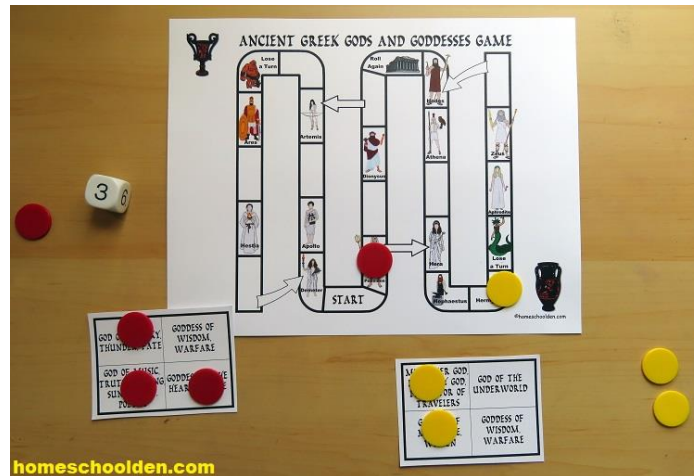
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This packet also has some matching cards and interactive notebook pages. Younger students can cut-and-paste the description of the gods and goddess onto the notebook page. Or, each piece can be cut out and folded and students can make an interactive notebook page (or lapbook).



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There is also a board game for remember what the gods and goddesses do! Each player gets a card with four descriptions (perhaps the "God of War" or the "Goddess of the hearth and home," etc.). Players take turns rolling the die and trying to move along the game board so that they land on the four gods or goddesses on their card. The first player to get all four gods/goddesses on their card wins the game! There are seven different player cards, so students can play several different rounds!



I also included some larger project cards so that students can make their own poster-sized **Greek gods and goddesses family tree!** (For copyright reasons "sample" has been written on the image below.) My youngest daughter did the poster you see below. There are images of the cyclops and Cerberus included as well (they are just not pictured below).



