## **Olympians**

Aphrodite (Venus) | goddess of love and beauty

**Apollo** (Apollo) | god of the arts (esp. poetry and music), archery, and divination

Ares (Mars) | god of war

Artemis (Diana) | goddess of the hunt and protector of children

Athena (Minerva) | goddess of wisdom, war, and crafts; patron of Athens

**Demeter** (Ceres) | goddess of agriculture and fertility

Dionysos (Bacchus) | god of wine, mysteries, and the theatre

Hephaistos (Vulcan) | god of smiths and metal-workers

Hera (Juno) | goddess of marriage; consort of Zeus

Hermes (Mercury) | god of merchants; messenger of Zeus

Poseidon (Neptune) | god of the sea and earthquakes

**Zeus** (Jove/Jupiter) | god of the sky; ruler of Olympus

## **Important Titans**

Atlas | he led the struggle between the Titans and Olympians,

**Epimetheus** | was the brother of Prometheus; his name means "afterthought"

Gaia (Tellus) | Earth goddess; mother of the Titans

**lapetos** | god who fathered Atlas, Prometheus, and Epimetheus

<u>Chronos</u> |son of Gaia and Uranus, who attacked his father; in turn, Chronos was the father of many of the Olympians

**<u>Leto</u>** | goddess who bore the Olympian gods <u>Artemis</u> and <u>Apollo</u> to Zeus

Mnemosyne | literally "memory"; she and Zeus together produced the Muses

Okeanos (Oceanus) | original god of the Ocean and water;

Uranus (Uranus) | Husband of Gaia; father of the 12 Titans

<u>Prometheus</u> | the name of this Titan means "forethought"; in myth, Prometheus was punished for giving fire to mankind

 $\underline{\textbf{Rhea}}$  (Rhea) | mother goddess who bore the gods Hestia, Demeter, Hera,

Hades, Poseidon, and Zeus to Chronos

**Themis** this goddess was the second wife of **Zeus**,

## Other Gods

Amphitrite | sea goddess; wife of Poseidon

Boreas | god of the north wind

Dike (lustitia) | goddess of justice

**Erebus** | personification of darkness

<u>Erinyes</u> (Furiae) | also known as Furies, these were female spirits who exacted vengeance against those who committed specific crimes

**Eros** (Cupid) | god of love and desire and was a son of Aphrodite

<u>Fates</u> (Moirai in Greek, Parcae in Latin) | goddesses who supervised fate; the poet

Hesiod names them Clotho, Lachesis, and Atropos

Hades (Pluto) | god of the Underworld and ruler of the dead

Hebe (Juventas) | goddess who was a cup-bearer for the Olympian gods

Helios (Sol) | god of the sun (took over the job from Apollo)

Hestia (Vesta) | goddess of the home and hearth

<u>Hypnos</u> (Somnus) | god of Sleep; brother of <u>Thanatos</u>

Iris | goddess of the rainbow; messenger of Hera

Morpheus | god of dreams

<u>Muses</u> | nine goddesses, each of whom embodied an aspect of the humanities and arts; inspired wonderful artistry in mortals

Nemesis | goddess of retribution

Nike (Victoria) | goddess of victory

Nymphs | female nature spirits

Pan (Faunus) | god of the countryside (a satyr)

 $\underline{\textbf{Thanatos}} \mid \mathsf{god} \; \mathsf{of} \; \mathsf{death}$ 

**Zephyrus** | god of the west wind