

Meet the Greek Gods (continued)



⑤ **Hestia** goddess of the hearth and home

Hestia was known for her pure and simple life. On Mount Olympus she preferred a plain, wooden throne and the color brown. Her symbol was the hearth fire.

⑥ **Demeter** goddess of all growing things

Demeter adored her only daughter, Persephone, and the two were frequently seen together. When Demeter was sad or lonely, no plants grew and winter came to earth. Demeter's symbols were the sheaf of wheat and the cornucopia.



⑦ **Athena** goddess of wisdom, statecraft, and war

Athena is said to have emerged from Zeus's head, full grown and wearing her armor. Athena's symbols were the owl and the olive tree. Her aegis, or breastplate, was a gift from Zeus and showed the head of Medusa.



⑧ **Aphrodite** goddess of love and beauty

Aphrodite was born on the foam of the sea and rode to shore on a seashell. Her symbols included the dove, sparrow, rose, and myrtle (an evergreen shrub). Although she was married to Hephaestus, the god of blacksmiths, Aphrodite had many affairs.



⑨ **Ares** god of war, hatred, and violence

Ares was known for his short temper. He was identified by dogs, vultures, or a spear and shield.

