

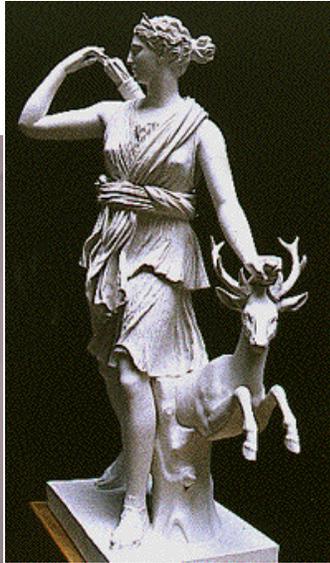
The Family Tree of the Greek Gods is very large and confusing. It can be seen here: <http://ludios.org/greekgods/>

For this lapbook element you'll match up the gods of Mount Olympus with their purpose among the gods.

The Twelve Olympians, in Greek mythology, were the principal gods of the Greek pantheon, residing atop Mount Olympus. There were, at various times, fourteen different gods recognized as Olympians, though never more than twelve at one time. **Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Ares, Hermes, Hephaestus, Aphrodite, Athena, Apollo, and Artemis** are always considered Olympians. **Hestia, Demeter, Dionysus, and Hades** are the variable gods among the Twelve. Hestia gave up her position as an Olympian to Dionysus in order to live among mankind (eventually she was assigned the role of tending the fire on Mount Olympus). **Persephone** spent six months of the year in the underworld (causing winter), and was allowed to return to Mount Olympus for the other six months in order to be with her mother, Demeter. And, although Hades was always one of the principal Greek gods, his home in the underworld of the dead made his connection to the Olympians more tenuous. The Olympians gained their supremacy in the world of gods after Zeus led his siblings to victory in war with the Titans; Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Demeter, Hestia, and Hades were siblings; all other Olympians (with the exception of foam-born Aphrodite) are usually considered the children of Zeus by various mothers, except for Athena, who in some versions of the myth was born of Zeus alone. Additionally, some versions of the myth state that Hephaestus was born of Hera alone as Hera's revenge for Zeus' solo birth of Athena.



Athena



Artemis



Ares



Poseidon



Hestia



Apollo



Aphrodite



Hermes



Zeus



Hera



Demeter



Hephaestus



Dionysus



Hades

These are 14 matchbook books. One for each god. Cut out the 2 large bases as two whole pieces. Fold them in half. Put them inside of each other and glue the bottom flaps of each together. This gives you a book with a front, inside top flap, inside bottom flap, turn the page and another whole inside spread. Cut out the matchbooks individually and fold like matchbooks. Glue the title page to the very outside flap. Glue the back of the base to your lapbook. Glue four matchbooks to top flap on the inside and four to inside bottom flap. Turn the page and glue three to the next inside top flap, and three more to the inside bottom flap. Cut out the pictures, names and descriptions of the gods and goddesses, keeping track of them, Glue the name of the god to the front of the matchbook. On the inside top flap of the matchbook glue the description of the god and in the inside bottom flap glue the picture of the god or goddess, do this for all 14 matchbooks.

The Greek Gods

Chapter 23

Hades

The god of the
underworld

Dionysus

The god of
wine, the
inspirer of
ritual madness
and ecstasy

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Aphrodite

The goddess of love and beauty

Apollo

The god of the sun and music

Ares

The god of savage war or bloodlust

Artemis

The maiden goddess of the hunt, bearing a bow and arrows.

Athea

The goddess of wisdom

Demeter

The goddess of grain and fertility, the pure nourisher of the youth and the green earth, the health-giving cycle of life and death, and preserver of marriage and the sacred law.

Hephaestus

The god of technology, blacksmiths, craftsmen, artisans, sculptors, metals and metallurgy, and fire

Hera

The goddess of marriage

Hermes

The god of boundaries and of the travelers who cross them, of shepherds and cowherds, of orators and wit, of literature and poets, of athletics, of weights and measures, of invention, of commerce in general, and of the cunning of thieves and liars.

Hestia

The goddess of the hearth, of the right ordering of domesticity and the family

Poseidon

The god of the sea, as well as of horses and, as "Earth-Shaker," of earthquakes

Zeus

The king of the gods, the ruler of Mount Olympus, and god of the sky and thunder

