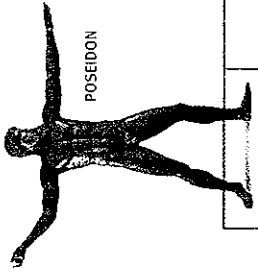
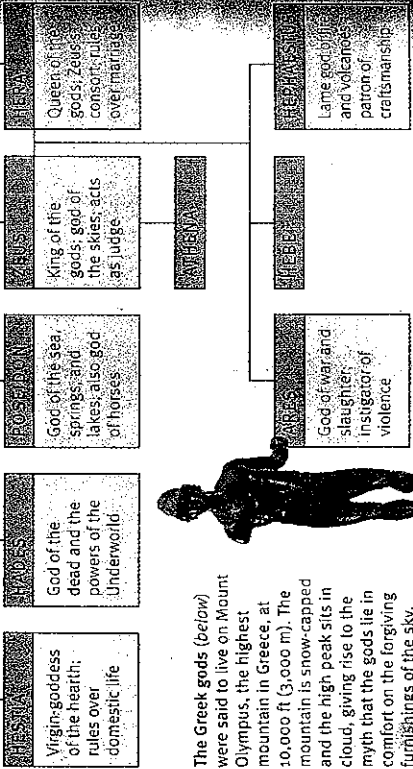


THE GODS OF OLYMPUS

Greek mythology has a huge cast of characters, from the early race known as the Titans to the mortal heroes whose adventures are recounted by writers such as Homer and Apollonius. But the most important group are the Olympians—the gods and goddesses said to live on Mount Olympus. The Greeks believed that these supreme deities influenced nearly everything that happened on Earth.



POSEIDON



HESTIA
Virgin-goddess of the hearth; rules over domestic life

HADES
God of the dead and the powers of the Underworld

POSEIDON
God of the sea, springs, and lakes; also god of horses

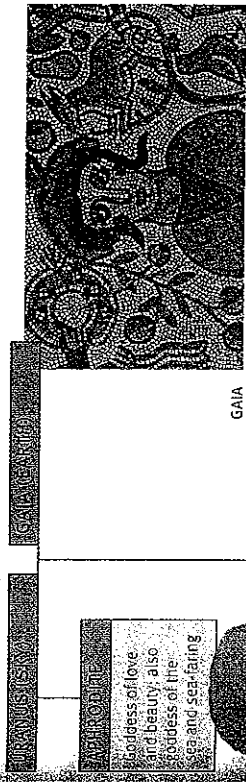
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King of the gods; god of the skies; acts as judge

HEPHAESTUS
Lame god of fire and volcanoes; patron of craftsmanship

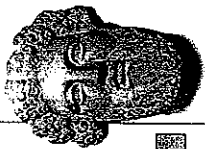


ARES

The Greek gods (below) were said to live on Mount Olympus, the highest mountain in Greece, at 10,000 ft (3,000 m). The mountain is snow-capped and the high peak sits in a cloud, giving rise to the myth that the gods lie in comfort on the forgiving furnishings of the sky.



APHRODITE



ZEUS

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POSEIDON
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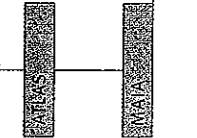
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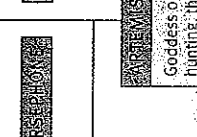
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PROMETHEUS



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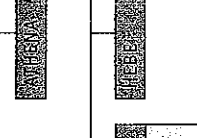
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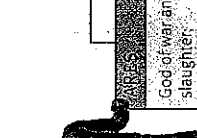
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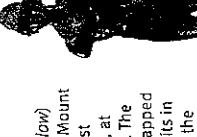
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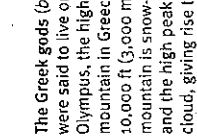
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DEMETER



HERA



HERMES
Messenger of the gods; leads the dead down to Hades

ARTEMIS
Goddess of hunting, the moon, chastity, and childbirth

APOLLO
God of the sun and the arts; presides over human laws

ATHENA
Goddess of wisdom, war, and crafts

DEMETER
Goddess of agriculture and grain

HERA
Goddess of marriage and women

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