

Modern Day Allusions to Greek Mythology

7th Grade ELA

St. Johns Middle School

Use your “Who’s Who” notes and fill in the
Modern Day Allusion section

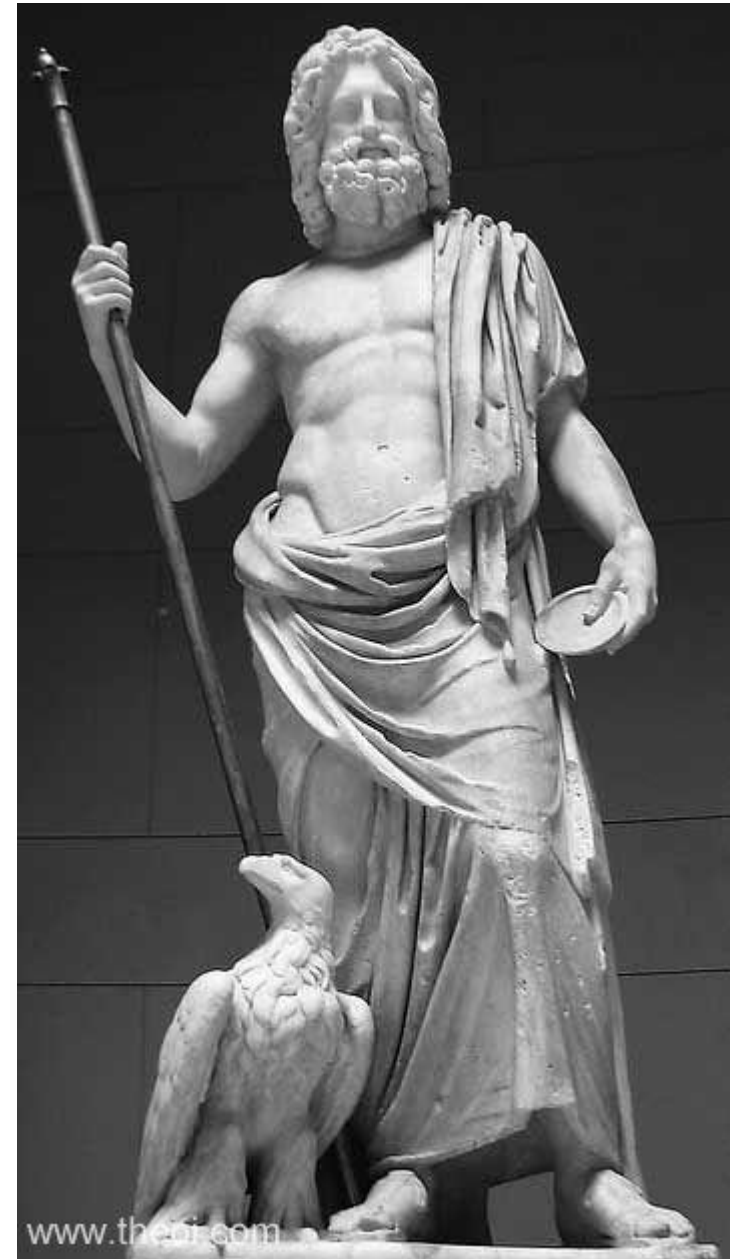
ZEUS

God of all Gods

Realm: Sky

Symbols: Eagle, Oak, Lightning Bolt, Purple Ram's Fleece, Woodpecker

Characteristics: Strong, brave, stupid, noisy, violent, conceited



Modern Day Allusions to Zeus



Gatorade uses a lightning bolt to symbolize power. "If you drink this, you will be powerful!"



The United States' national bird is the bald eagle, which is also on our national seal to show power like Zeus

HERA

Goddess of Marriage; Queen of the Olympians

Realm: Marriage

Symbol: Cow, Peacock, Lion

Characteristics: Jealous, Loyal



Modern Day Allusions to Hera



HERA Women's Cancer Foundation's mission is to stop the loss of women from ovarian cancer

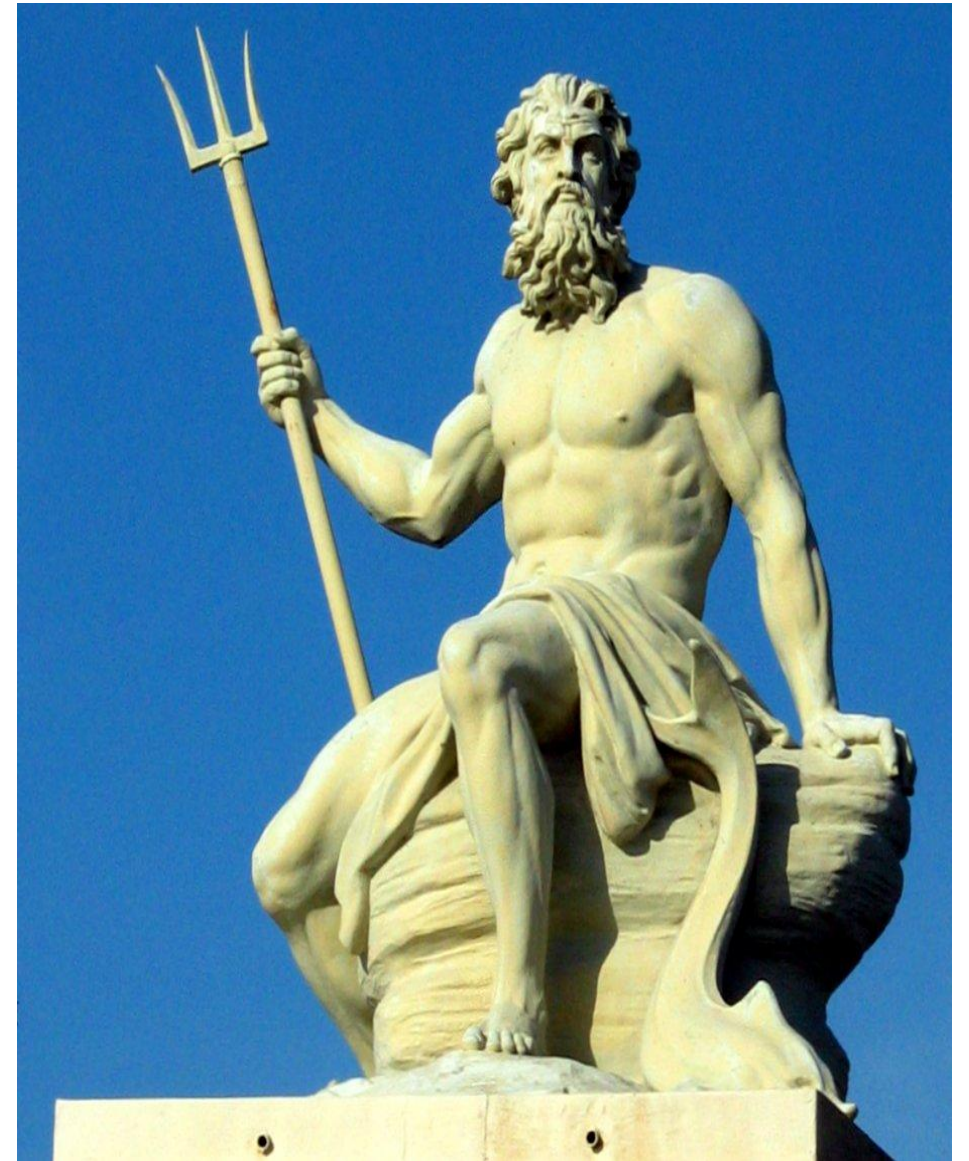
POSEIDON

Brother to Zeus and Hades

Realm: Seas and Rivers

Symbol: Trident, Horses

Characteristics: Jealous, Angry



Modern Day Allusions to Poseidon



Trident Packing Company is the name of a fish-canning company



Poseidon Undersea Resorts is the world's first sea floor resort located on a private island in Fiji

DEMETER

Roman Mythology Name: Ceres

Realm: Agriculture, Grain, Fertility

Symbol: Poppy

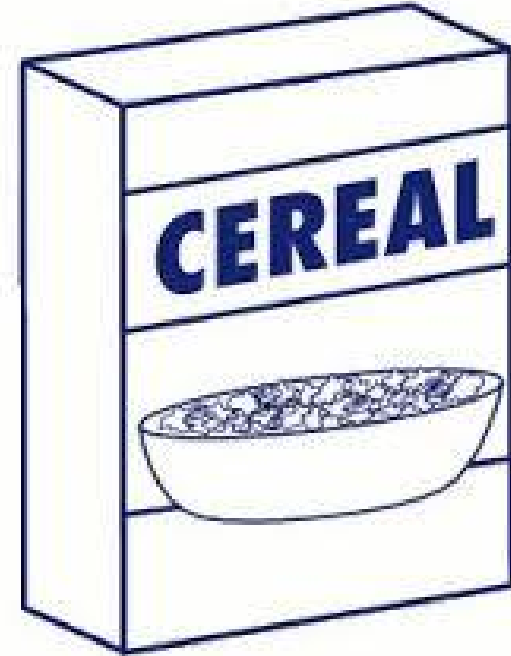
Characteristics: Unhappy, mournful



Modern Day Allusions to Demeter/Ceres



Demeter International is the largest certification organization for biodynamic agriculture, and is one of three predominant organic certifiers.



The word **cereal** derives from Ceres, the name of the Roman goddess of harvest and agriculture.

HEPHAESTUS

God of Fire and Crafts; Roman Name: Vulcan

Realm: Goldsmiths, Jewelers, Blacksmiths, Masons, and Carpenters

Symbol: Quail

Characteristics: Resourceful



Modern Day Allusions to Hephaestus/Vulcan



Vulcan Materials Company is in the production, distribution and sale of construction materials.



The word **volcano** is derived from the name of Volcano, a volcanic island in the Aeolian Islands of Italy whose name in turn originates from Vulcan, the name of a god of fire in Roman mythology.

ATHENE

Goddess

Realm: War and Wisdom, useful arts

Symbol: Owl

Characteristics: wise

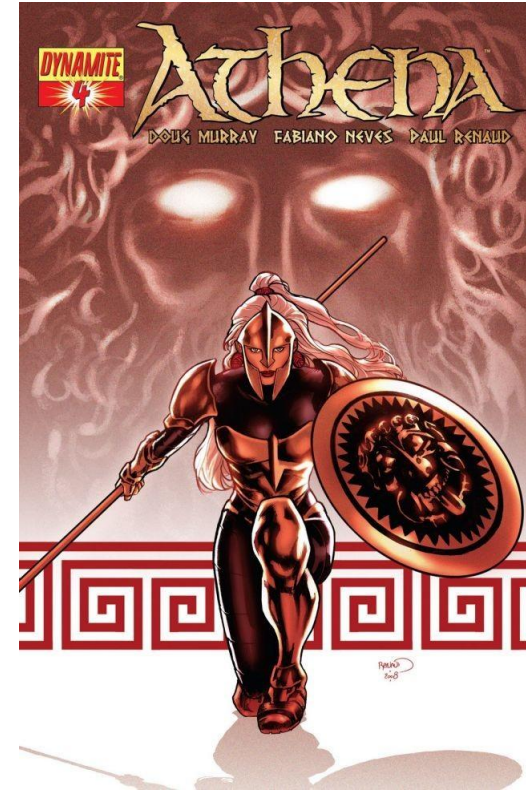


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Modern Day Allusions to Athene



Athena Art Society is a women's art organization that assists and encourages women in all branches of fine art.



Athena is a fictional deity in the Marvel Comics Universe, based on the Greek Goddess of the same name. Athena first appeared in the pages of *Thor* #164, written by Stan Lee and drawn by Jack Kirby.

APHRODITE

Goddess; Roman name: Venus

Realm: Love and Beauty

Symbol: Dove

Characteristics: mischievous



Modern Day Allusions to Aphrodite/Venus



Aphrodite was the goddess of love, beauty, unity, and peace. The gentle dove was her symbol. Dove is a personal care brand that sells soap



Venus alludes to the mythological Roman goddess primarily associated with love and beauty.

ARES

God; Roman name: Mars

Realm: War

Symbol: Wild boar, bloodstained spear

Characteristics: rude, crude, uneducated, aggressive



Modern Day Allusions to Ares/Mars



Ares is the villain in the video game, God of War, which is loosely based on Greek mythology.



The month of **March** is named after Ares more respected Roman counterpart, **Mars**.

APOLLO

God (pretended to manage the sun)

Realm: music, poetry, medicine, archery, young unmarried men

Symbol: Lyre, mice

Characteristics: rebellious



Modern Day Allusions to Apollo



Apollo Theater in Harlem, NY



Apollo Beach is located in Florida. Apollo was known to pretend to manage the Sun.

ARTEMIS

Goddess (Roman Name: Diana)

Realm: hunting, unmarried girls

Symbol: She-bear

Characteristics: impulsive, pure



Modern Day Allusions to Artemis



Artemis Crock is a character in the TV show **Young Justice**. As you can see, she uses a bow, as the Greek Goddess was known for as well.

HERMES

God

Realm: merchants, bankers, thieves, fortune-tellers,
and heralds

Symbol: crane, peeled hazel stick

Characteristics: prankster, inventive, helpful



Hermes - www.Goddessgift.net

Modern Day Allusions to Hermes



FTD logo uses a likeness of Hermes as the messenger god. He is quick, just like your floral delivery!



A story evolved that Hermes used the caduceus to separate two fighting snakes which forthwith twined themselves together in peace.

HESTIA

Goddess

Realm: Hearth and Home

Symbol: Hearth (fireplace)

Characteristics: kind, peaceable



Modern Day Allusions to Hestia



Hestia Heating Products is a company that was named after Hestia, the goddess of the hearth and the home. Hestia was also the goddess of the sacrificial flame and received a share of every sacrifice to the gods. We thought this was the perfect symbol for our line of environmentally conscious bio-mass energy products.

DIONYSUS

God (Roman Name: Bacchus)

Realm: Wine, Grape Harvest

Symbol: Tiger, grapevines

Characteristics: both pleasant, relaxed and then bitter and furious at times



Modern Day Allusions to Dionysus



Dionysia was a large festival in ancient Athens in honor of the god Dionysus, and the main events were the theatrical performances of dramatic comedies and tragedies. This paved the way for modern day drama.