Name _____

GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES

The Greeks believed in many gods. Here are the six children of Cronus and Rhea and eight younger gods. Artists gave each god a symbol so people could tell who was who. The Romans later matched these gods to their own and used Roman names.



Zeus
Roman name: Jupiter
Rules over: king of gods; sky, weather
Symbol: thunderbolt



Hera
Roman name: Juno
Rules over: queen; marriage and families
Symbol: peacock



Poseidon
Roman name: Neptune
Rules over: sea, earthquakes, horses
Symbol: trident



Demeter
Roman name: Ceres
Rules over: harvest and grain
Symbol: wheat



Hestia
Roman name: Vesta
Rules over: the hearth and home
Symbol: hearth fire



Hades
Roman name: Pluto
Rules over: the underworld
Symbol: Cerberus



Athena
Roman name: Minerva
Rules over: wisdom, crafts, war plans
Symbol: owl



Apollo
Roman name: Apollo
Rules over: music, light, healing
Symbol: lyre



Artemis
Roman name: Diana
Rules over: hunting and wild animals
Symbol: bow and arrows



Ares
Roman name: Mars
Rules over: war
Symbol: helmet and spear



Aphrodite
Roman name: Venus
Rules over: love and beauty
Symbol: dove



Hephaestus
Roman name: Vulcan
Rules over: fire, forge, metalwork
Symbol: hammer and tongs



Hermes
Roman name: Mercury
Rules over: messenger of the gods
Symbol: winged hat



Dionysus
Roman name: Bacchus
Rules over: wine and theater
Symbol: grapes