

Gods of Mount Olympus

Week 7 • Monday • Meet the Greek Gods

Today's Goals

- ✓ Learn what a myth is.
- ✓ Meet the gods of Mount Olympus.
- ✓ Discover why Greeks told these stories.

Reading Time

The ancient Greeks told wonderful stories called **myths** to explain the world. Why does thunder boom? Why do seasons change? Long before science could answer, myths gave exciting answers full of gods, heroes, and monsters.

The Greeks believed twelve powerful gods lived on top of **Mount Olympus**, the tallest mountain in Greece. **Zeus** was the king of the gods, who threw lightning bolts. **Poseidon** ruled the sea with his three-pointed trident. **Athena** was the wise goddess of wisdom — the city of Athens was named after her!

The Greeks built beautiful temples for their gods and brought them gifts. Myths were told around fires, sung by poets, and painted on vases. We still enjoy these stories today, 2,500 years later!

Reading Questions

- What is a myth?
- Where did the Greeks believe the gods lived?
- Which god or goddess sounds most interesting to you? Why?

Match the God

Write the letter that matches: A = king of the gods with lightning, B = ruler of the sea, C = goddess of wisdom.

God or Goddess	Match (A-C)
Athena	
Zeus	
Poseidon	

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

myth

Mount Olympus

temple

trident

goddess

hero

Draw a God or Goddess

Draw Zeus with his lightning bolt, Poseidon with his trident, or Athena with her owl.



Think About It

1. Why do you think people told myths before science could explain things?

2. Make up a myth-style answer: why does it rain?

Review

I learned...	Circle one
What a myth is	YES / NOT YET
Names of three Greek gods	YES / NOT YET