



 Facts to Know

Cronos	<i>first king of the gods; swallowed his own children</i>
Rhea	<i>wife of Cronos</i>
Zeus (Jupiter)	<i>son of Cronos and Rhea; saved by Rhea; name means "brightness"; known by the Romans as Jupiter; became king of the gods by defeating Cronos</i>
Titans	<i>giants who aided Cronos in his battle against Zeus; hurled mountains</i>
Cyclops	<i>"round-eye"; giants who made thunder and lightning for Zeus</i>
Hera (Juno)	<i>sister of Zeus; queen of the gods; goddess of the clouds</i>
Poseidon (Neptune)	<i>brother of Zeus; god of the ocean</i>
Hades (Pluto)	<i>brother of Zeus; god of the underworld</i>
Demeter (Ceres)	<i>sister of Zeus; goddess of the grains, fruits, flowers</i>
Hestia (Vesta)	<i>sister of Zeus; goddess of fire and the hearth</i>
Styx	<i>river around the underworld; "hateful"</i>
Charon	<i>ferryman of the Styx</i>
Cerberus (Cerberus)	<i>watchdog of the underworld</i>
Persephone (Proserpine)	<i>goddess of the underworld; daughter of Demeter</i>
nymphs	<i>maidens; helpers of Demeter</i>

 Vocabulary

1. ...**constellation**... _____
2. ...blood-red **coral**... _____
3. ...shining **mother-of-pearl**... _____
4. ...with his **trident** in his hand... _____
5. ...**brazen** hoofs of the horses... _____
6. ...world of Pluto was a **dreary** region. _____



Comprehension Questions

1. Why was Zeus at risk and how was he saved?

2. Describe the battle between Cronos and Zeus.

3. What did Zeus do after his victory?

4. What is the Greek story of the seasons?

5. What is the story of the fruits, grains and flowers?

Activities

1. Draw a family tree including Cronos, Rhea, Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Hades, Demeter, Persephone, and Hestia. Start this on a large sheet of paper and keep it, as you will be adding to it.
2. Look at the maps at the back of this book. Familiarize yourself with the shape of Greece, the Ægean Sea, Asia Minor. Familiarize yourself with the main regions: Peloponnesus, Attica, Epirus, Thessaly, Macedonia, Thrace, Crete, the Ægean Sea, Asia Minor.
3. Make a list in two columns. Put the names of the Greek gods from this lesson in the left column. Put their corresponding Roman names in the right column. Leave plenty of room at the bottom of your list for additions.
(See Appendix "Greek Gods and Their Roman Names".)