

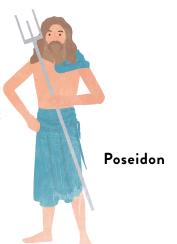






The ancient Greeks were polytheistic. This means that they believed in more than one god. We already know that Dionysus was worshipped as the patron god of tragedy and god of frivolity and fertility.

Who were the other Greek gods and goddesses worshiped by the ancient Greeks?



## Greek Gods and their symbols:





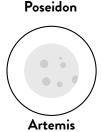




















You are going to conduct research on one of these gods. You are going to find out why they were worshipped, what their personality traits were and what symbols are associated with them.

Then, see if you can find a myth that demonstrates the nature of the god or goddess that you have chosen.

## Example:

Hera - Zeus's wife and goddess of marriage.

Hera was known for being very jealous and flying into bitter rages.

One example of Hera's revenge is the story of the hero Heracles who was Zeus's son by the mortal woman Alcmene. Hera first tried to kill Heracles as a baby by sending two serpents to his bed, but this failed when Heracles killed the serpents. She later caused Heracles to go mad and kill his wife and children. As punishment for killing his family, Heracles was forced to perform the Twelve Labours. Hera made these labours as difficult as possible, hoping that Heracles would be killed.

## **Useful Links:**

https://www.researchify.co.uk/ - type in 'Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses'

- https://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-greek-gods.html
- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39/articles/zgt7mp3
- https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient\_greek\_mythology.php

