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“THE ANCIENT GODS IN OUR LIVES”

How the Mythology influenced our languages

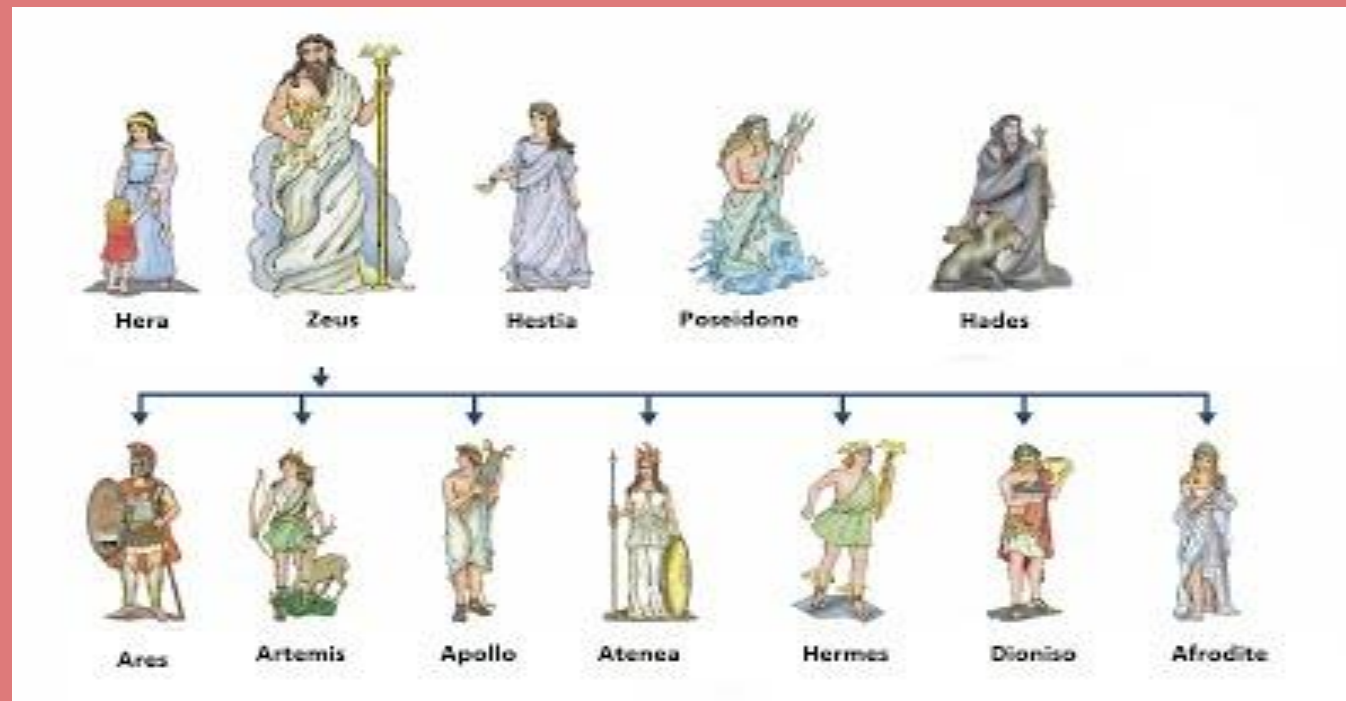
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# GREEK MYTHOLOGY

## GREEK GODS

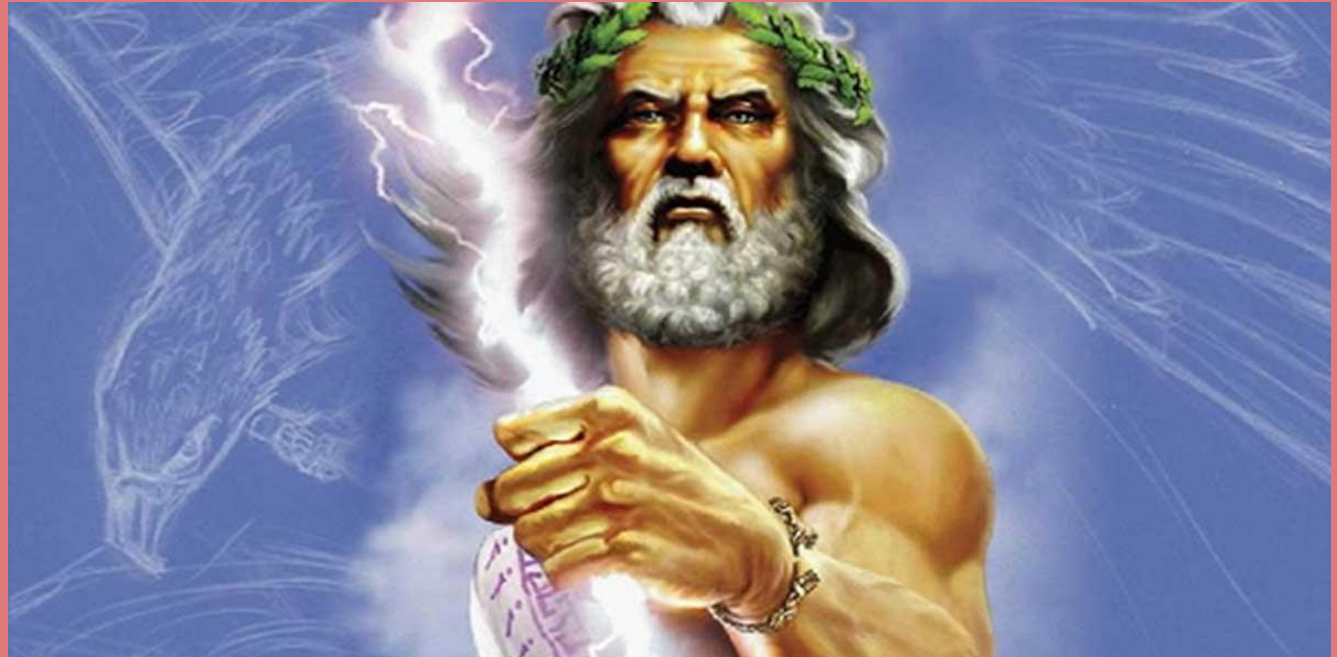


# ZEUS

He is the God of Heaven and Thunder.

He is the leader of all the gods and the leader of Olympus. His symbols are the thunderbolt, the bull, the eagle and the oak.

He had so many children,  
among which there are:  
Apollo, Artemis, Hermes  
and many other.



# APHRODITE

She is an ancient Greek goddess associated with love, beauty, pleasure, passion and procreation. Born in the sea was defined as protector of navigation.





# APOLLO

He has been recognized as the god of archery, music and dance.

He is described as a master archer able to inflict, with his weapon, horrible injuries.



# ROMAN MYTHOLOGY

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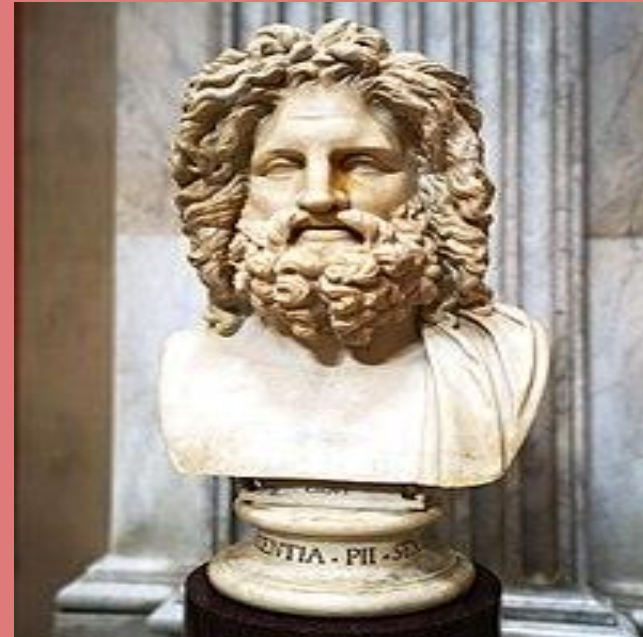
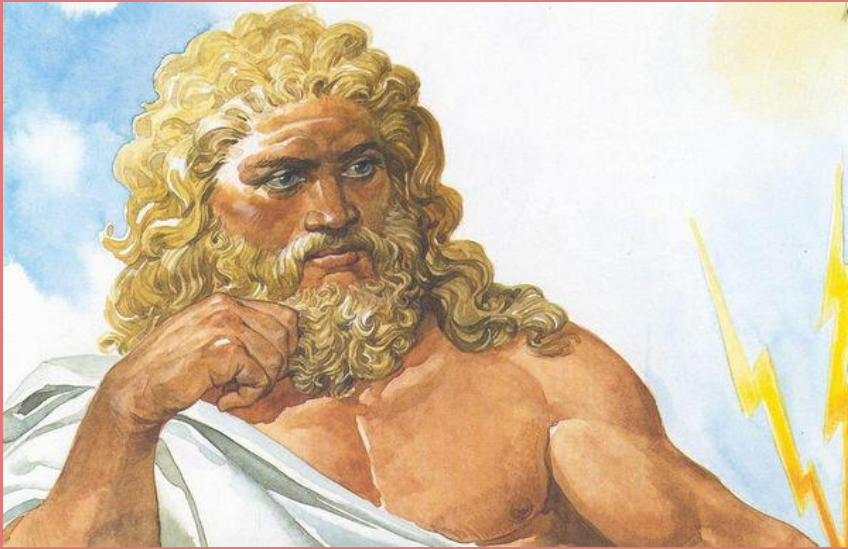




# JUPITER

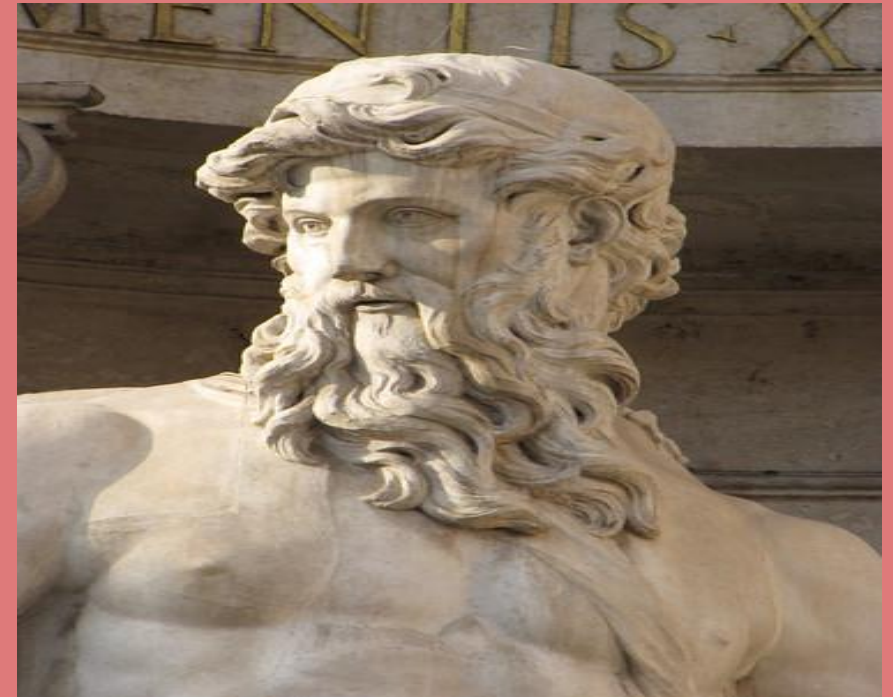
He is the god of the Sky and Thunder and the king of all the gods in ancient roman religion and mythology.

Jupiter was the chief deity of Roman state religion.



# NEPTUNE

He is the king of the sea. He is the counterpart of the Greek god Poseidon. Depictions of Neptune in roman mosaics, especially those of North Africa, are influenced by Hellenistic conventions.

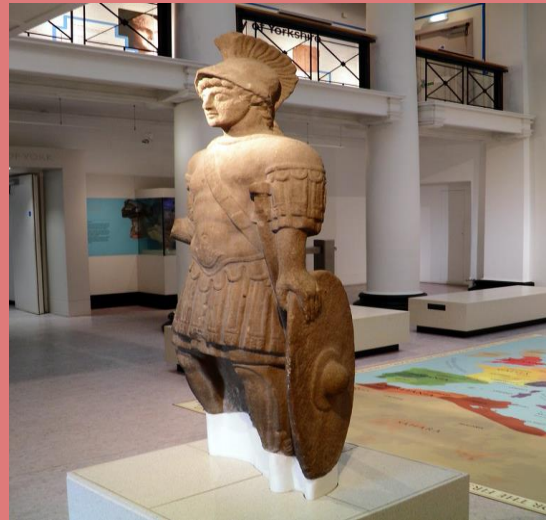




# MARS

He was the god of the war, and an agricultural guardian, a combination characteristic of early Rome.

He was the son of Jupiter and he was the most prominent of the military gods in the religion of the Roman army.



# NORSE MYTHOLOGY

## NORSE GODS





# THOR

- He is the god of Thunder in Norse mythology; he is associated with the day Thursday. He is the son of Odin and Jörð, the personification of the Earth, and is physically the strongest of the Æsir.





# TYR

He is a war god in Germanic mythology, but also the god of the law and justice. His name is derived from Tiw or Tiwaz and Tacticus and other Roman writers have equated this character to Mars, the receiver of human sacrifice.

His day is Tuesday.



# BALDUR

He is the god of light, joy, purity, and the summer sun in Norse mythology, and a son of the god Odin and the goddess Frigg.

He is the father of Forseti, and he has numerous brothers, such as Thor and Váli.





# *Where are these gods worshipped?*

ZEUS WAS VENERATED AT  
SPARTA

APOLLO AT DELPHI

APHRODITE AT CIPRO

JUPITER AT ROME

MERCURY AT GAUL.

MARS AT SUMA

THOR WAS VENERATED BY  
GERMANIC PEOPLE

TYR BY GERMANIC SOCIETY

BALDUR BY ICELAND PEOPLE





# WORDS, PHRASES, AND EXPRESSIONS FROM MYTHOLOGY

MYTHOLOGY HAS LARGELY CONTRIBUTED TO MANY OF THE WORDS, PHRASES, AND COMMON SAYINGS IN LANGUAGES ACROSS THE EUROPE AND THE WORLD.

HERE IS A LIST OF THE COMMON SAYING IN ENGLISH COMING FROM THE ANCIENT MYTHOLOGY.

WE DID RESEARCHES ABOUT THESE COMING SAYING AND STUDIED WHERE THEY COME FROM.

# Achilles' Heel

MEANING: A person's weak spot.

MYTH: As a baby, Achilles' mother, Thetis, dunked him in the River Styx, said to have the magical power of making people invulnerable, by holding him upside down by his heel.

Consequently, Achilles' heel was the only part of his body to be kept dry and vulnerable.



# The labors of Hercules

MEANING: Great effort.

MYTH: Hercules had to perform twelve Labors so difficult that they seemed impossible. Fortunately, Hercules had the help of Hermes and Athena, deities who shew up when he really needed help. By the end of these Labors, Hercules was, without any doubts, Greece's greatest hero.





# Pandora's box



MEANING: A process that once began generates many complicated problems.

MYTH: Pandora, the first mortal woman created by the gods.

Pandora was desperate to open a box, presented to her by Zeus, as a wedding present, but her husband, Epimetheus, having been told by Zeus, what it contained, forbid her to do so.

Pandora's curiosity got the better of her, and while Epimetheus slept, she opened the box, letting all the evils of the World fly out:.

# Adonis

MEANING: Very handsome young man.

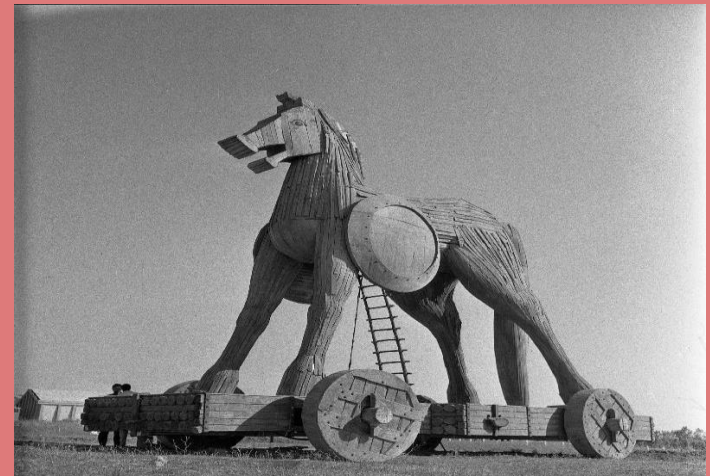
MYTH: Adonis represented youth, beauty and desire, the mortal lover of the Goddess Aphrodite, was considered one of the most handsome men of ancient Greece, so attractive in fact, his name became a metaphor for male, physical beauty.



# Beware of Greeks bearing gifts...

MEANING: Subversion or destruction from a seemingly serene person, people, or object, especially from the inside.

MYTH: It is attributed to the Trojan Horse which contained armed men who sacked Troy during the night. Nowadays it is a program designed to breach the security of a computer system while ostensibly performing some innocuous function.





# The Mida's touch



MEANING: Someone who succeeds in anything in puts his hand to, whatever he touches, turns to gold.

MYTH: The saying comes from the Greek myth about Midas, the king of Phrygia, in Asia Minor, who was granted a wish by Dionysus, god of the grape-harvest, winemaking and wine, of fertility, ritual madness, religious ecstasy. Midas wished for everything he touched, to turn to gold, if only he had given more thought to his wish, literally, everything he touched, turned to solid gold, food, water, wine, and most sadly of all, his precious daughter Zoe.

A true case of be careful what you wish for.

# Resting on his laurels

MEANING: Get lazy or complacent about what you could achieve.

MYTH: It was believed that the god Apollo declared the laurel plant sacred after his true love –the nymph Daphne–was turned into one. That is why Apollo was depicted wearing a crown of laurel. As the Pythian Games honoured Apollo, a laurel wreath was the appropriate prize for a victor, or »laureate«. A «Laureate» is still an esteemed title today, with recipients of the Nobel Laureates.



# Chaos/Chaotic

MEANING: Extreme confusion.

MYTH: Chaos was, according to Greek mythology, the origin of everything, and the first thing that ever existed.





# Eureka

MEANING: Celebrate a discovery or invention.

MYTH: »Eureka« comes from the Ancient Greek word *heúrēka*, meaning «I have found it!».



# Odyssey

MEANING: An unpleasant adventure.

MYTH: The hero Odysseus had a long journey full of adventures and troubles.

