



## GREEK GOD MINI RESEARCH PROJECT

God/Goddess: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTNERS:** You will be working with ONE other person on this project. Choose your partner wisely!

**OBJECTIVE:** to provide students with background knowledge of the Greek gods and goddesses that have influenced literature, specifically *The Odyssey*.

**INTRODUCTION:** The Greeks were polytheistic in their religious beliefs. Polytheistic means they believed in and worshiped many different gods. In Greek mythology, the gods often represented different forms of nature. Their religion/mythology had no formal structure with the exception of various festivals held in honor of the gods. There was no sacred book or code of conduct to live by. The most powerful Greek gods were known as the Olympians. The Greeks believed the Olympians lived on the highest mountain in Greece, Mount Olympus. The Olympian gods included: Zeus, Hera, Apollo, Aphrodite, Ares, Artemis, Athena, Demeter, Hades, Hermes, Hephaestus, Poseidon and Hestia or later she was replaced in some lists by Dionysus.

**ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW:** You will become an expert on your assigned God or Goddess and teach the class about the influence your Greek God had. You will research your god/goddess and create a PowerPoint presentation containing your research. All research must be documented in MLA format.

### GODS/GODDESSES:

Athena	Hermes	Zeus	Apollo	Poseidon
Aeolus	Helios	Artemis	Calypso	Aphrodite
Hera	Circe	Ares		Polyphemus (Cyclops)

### SECTIONS OF THE ASSIGNMENT:

#### Research:

1. Complete the note-taking guide to gather all your research.
2. You will research each of the following for your God/Goddess:
  - What is the background information on this deity? Consider the following:
    - family information
    - where the god is from
    - where the god lives
  - What are other names for this god/goddess?
  - What is the symbol of this Greek deity and of what is this god/goddess in charge?
  - What special talents, skills, or traits does this deity have?
  - What animals, plants, and objects are associated with him/her?
  - What areas of weakness cause trouble for this deity?
  - Are there any humans for whom this deity is a patron? Why?
  - Briefly retell a myth about your deity in your own words. (Yes you will have to read one).
  - What are two other interesting points about the god/goddess that you found?

**Power Point:** After you have completed your research you will create a PowerPoint presentation to teach the class about your god or goddess. The LAST SLIDE of your PowerPoint will be your works cited.

1. You will create a PowerPoint presentation with the following slides in this order:
  - Title Page with your MLA heading
  - Background Information
  - Other Names
  - Symbols
  - Talents
  - Associations
  - Weaknesses
  - Human Patron
  - Myth Summary
  - Two Most Interesting Facts
  - Works Cited – in proper format
2. You must have an appropriate image on each slide and an appropriate amount of text

**Presentation:** On the assigned presentation day, you and your partner will be called up to present your research on your god or goddess. Be sure to prove to me that you are now an expert on your deity.

**Directions in a Nutshell:**



- ✓ Research your Gods/Goddesses by collecting information on your Gods/Goddesses from reliable websites.
- ✓ Complete the Research Charts including the Works Cited information.
- ✓ Create a PowerPoint presentation to teach the God/Goddess to the class.
- ✓ Create a Works Cited for all the sources used in your project (last slide in PowerPoint).

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

## Research Notes: On God/Goddess

Using your MLA Reference Guide below, complete your Works Cited Info for the sources you used to research your deity. If more than one source is used, **ALL** must be cited.

Type of Entry	Works Cited
Online Reference	<p>"Article Title." Website Title. Sponsor/Publisher, Publication Date. Medium. Access Date.</p> <p><b>EXAMPLE:</b> "Navajo." <i>Reference.com</i>. Dictionary.Com, LLC, 2010. Web. 21 Aug. 2008.</p>
Source #1:	
Source #2:	
Source #3:	

Research Information	
Background information: - family information - where the god is from - where the god lives	
Other names for god/goddess?	
What is this god/goddess in charge of??	
What special traits or skills does this goddess have?	
What plants, animals, and objects are associated with this god/goddess?	



What areas are causes of weakness?

Are they any humans for whom they are a patron? Why?

Briefly summarize a myth about your god/goddess in your own words.

Two interesting Facts.