



# The Lightning Thief Activity

If you were a half-blood like Percy Jackson, part human and part Greek God, what would your super power be? Describe it and draw a picture.

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# Ancient Greek Gods

**Zeus:** God of the sky and thunder. He is the son of the Titans Cronus and Rhea. Zeus rules as king of the gods on Mount Olympus. He is married to Hera (his sister), with whom he fathered Ares and Hephaestus, among others. He is the father of many others from various consorts including Aphrodite, as well as Apollo, Artemis, Hermes, Dionysus, and more. His symbols are the eagle and thunderbolt.

**Hera:** Goddess of marriage and motherhood, and the protector of women during childbirth. In Greek mythology, she is queen of the twelve Olympians and Mount Olympus. She is the daughter of the Titans Cronus and Rhea, making her husband, Zeus, also her brother. Her symbols are the cow, lion, and peacock.

**Poseidon:** God of the sea, presiding over the sea, storms, and earthquakes, with his powerful and magical trident. He is also referred to as the tamer and father of horses. He is the son of Titans Cronus and Rhea. His symbols are the trident and horse.

**Demeter:** Goddess of agriculture. She is the daughter of Titans Cronus and Rhea. Her symbols are the red poppy and barley.

**Hephaestus:** God of fire and blacksmithing. As a baby, Hephaestus was thrown from Olympus by his father Zeus. Because of this, he grew up disfigured, but was extremely good at working with his hands. He can make anything out of metal. He was given Aphrodite as his bride because Hera thought it would help Aphrodite settle down. Unfortunately, Aphrodite had affairs behind her husband's back, and Hephaestus is always trying to catch her. His symbols include the anvil and quail.

**Athena:** Goddess of wisdom, battle strategy, and handicraft. Athena was born from the forehead of her father, Zeus. The great Parthenon in Athens, Greece is dedicated to her. Her major symbols include the owl and olive tree.

**Aphrodite:** The goddess of love, who was born from sea foam. She is the most beautiful goddess, and very vain. She has a magic girdle (belt) which can cause anyone to fall in love with her. Though married to Hephaestus, her main boyfriend is Ares. Her symbol is the dove.

**Ares:** God of war. The son of Zeus and Hera. He embodies the physical valor necessary for success in war but can also personify sheer brutality and bloodlust, in contrast to his sister, Athena, whose martial functions include military strategy and generalship. His symbols are the wild boar and bloody spear.

**Apollo:** God of archery, divination, the arts, and later, the sun. Handsome and talented, Apollo is the twin brother of Artemis. He is the patron of archers and he created music. He slew the great Python, and became the force behind the Oracle at Delphi, which could tell the future. There were other oracles, but the one at Delphi was the most famous. The Oracle often spoke in riddles which were not clear until after events came to pass. Apollo's symbols are the lyre, laurel (bay leaves), and mouse (an animal which ran everywhere and overheard many secrets).

**Artemis:** Goddess of the hunt and the moon. Artemis vowed to always be a maiden. Because of this, her followers tended to be young unmarried girls who shunned men. A great archer and hunter, Artemis roams the wilds of the world with a band of maidens. Her symbols are the deer and the bow and arrow.

**Hermes:** The god of merchants, travelers, thieves, and medicine. Hermes watches over all who use the roads and are involved in commerce. The son of Zeus, Hermes could talk when he was only a baby and once stole cattle from Apollo. He made up for this by giving Apollo the lyre, which baby Hermes invented. Hermes uses his speedy winged sandals to deliver messages for the gods. He carries a caduceus, a winged staff entwined with serpents, which today is the symbol of medicine.

## Word Scramble: Greek Gods

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2. REHA	Goddess of marriage and motherhood	_____
3. SODIEPNO	God of the sea	_____
4. TERMED	Goddess of agriculture	_____
5. STASHEHUPE	God of fire and blacksmithing	_____
6. HATANE	Goddess of wisdom, battle strategy, and handicraft	_____
7. PHIRADOTE	Goddess of love	_____
8. SEAR	God of war	_____
9. LOLOPA	God of archery, divination, the arts, and the sun	_____
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# Ancient Greek Gods: Matching Activity

Draw lines to match the Ancient Greek God or Goddess to their Sphere of Control and their symbol or instrument.

## Sphere of Control

fire  
blacksmithing

wisdom  
battle strategy  
handicraft

war

the sky  
thunder  
king of the gods

agriculture

love

motherhood  
marriage

travelers    merchants  
thieves     medicine

sea  
earthquakes  
storms

divination    the arts  
archery      the sun

the moon  
hunting

## God/Goddess

Zeus

Hera

Poseidon

Demeter

Hephaestus

Athena

Aphrodite

Ares

Apollo

Artemis

Hermes

## Symbol/Instrument

 red poppy  
barley 

 horse  
trident 

 wild boar  
bloody spear 

 dove  
magic belt 

 caduceus  
(staff with two serpents)  
winged helmet  and sandals 

 cow  
lion  peacock 

 owl  
olive tree 

 anvil  
quail 

 eagle  
lightning bolt 

 mouse  
lyre  laurel 

 deer  
bow and arrow 



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