

The Twelve Gods of Olympus

Aphrodite: goddess of love and beauty. Her symbols were the **dove**, and **myrtle**, a type of evergreen shrub. Her Latin name was **Venus**.

Apollo: god of the sun and of music. His symbols were the **lyre**, the **chariot**, and the **laurel tree**. His Latin name was **Apollo**.

Ares: god of war. His symbols were **armor**, **dogs**, and **vultures**. His Latin name was **Mars**.

Artemis: goddess of the hunt and of the moon. Her symbols were **hunting weapons**, **stags**, and the **crescent moon**. Her Latin name was **Diana**.

Athena: goddess of wisdom and war. Her symbols were the **owl**, the **olive tree**, and two types of armor—the **breastplate** and the **aegis**, a shield. Her Latin name was **Minerva**.

Demeter: goddess of agriculture. Her symbols were **sheaves of wheat**, and the **poppy**. Her Latin name was **Ceres**.

Dionysus: god of wine and revelry. His symbols were **grapes** and other crops. His Latin name was **Bacchus**.

Hephaestus: god of fire and of the forge. His symbols were the **anvil** and the **hammer**. His Latin name was **Vulcan**.

Hera: queen of the gods. Her symbols were the **peacock** and the **pomegranate**. Her Latin name was **Juno**.

Hermes: messenger of the gods. His symbols were the **caduceus**, and a **winged cap** and **sandals**. His Latin name was **Mercury**.

Poseidon: god of the sea. His symbols were the **trident**, a three pronged spear, and **dolphins**. His Latin name was **Neptune**.

Zeus: king of the gods. His symbols were the **thunderbolt**, the **eagle**, and the **oak tree**. His Latin name was **Jupiter**.