

Day 5 – Friday 26th June- Roman gods and goddesses.



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The Romans had lots of different gods and goddesses. There were gods for almost everything, like thunder, love, war, wisdom and even the sewer in Rome.

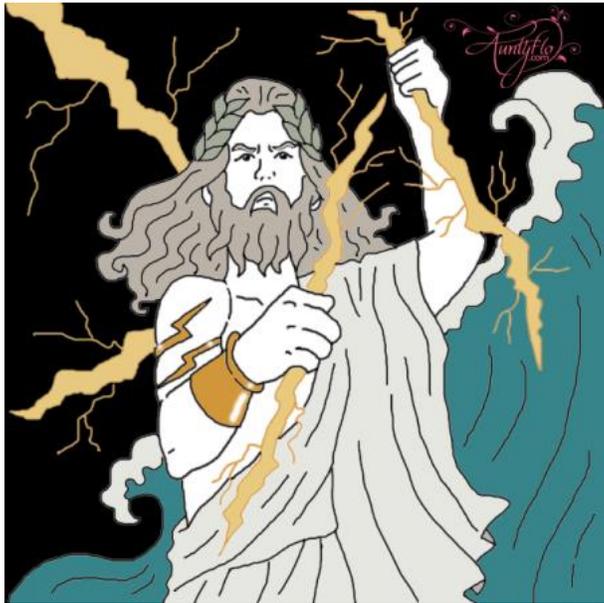
The Romans were always trying to keep on the good side of their gods. They made offerings at temples and shrines to make them happy.

They also borrowed new gods from the people they conquered, like the goddess Isis from Egypt and Mithras from Iran. Some emperors were declared gods too, usually after they died. They hoped this would make emperors even more powerful and respected.

Have a look at the Roman gods and Greek equivalents.

Roman God	Greek God	God/Goddess of...
Saturn	Cronus	God of Time
Jupiter	Zeus	King of the Gods
Juno	Hera	Queen of the Gods
Neptune	Poseidon	God of the Sea
Pluto	Hades	God of the Underworld
Minerva	Athena	Goddess of Wisdom
Mars	Ares	God of War
Venus	Aphrodite	Goddess of Love
Mercury	Hermes	Messenger to the Gods
Apollo	Apollo	God of the Sun
Diana	Artemis	Goddess of the Moon
Cupid	Eros	God of Love

King of the gods- Jupiter
He was the god of thunder, lightning and storms.

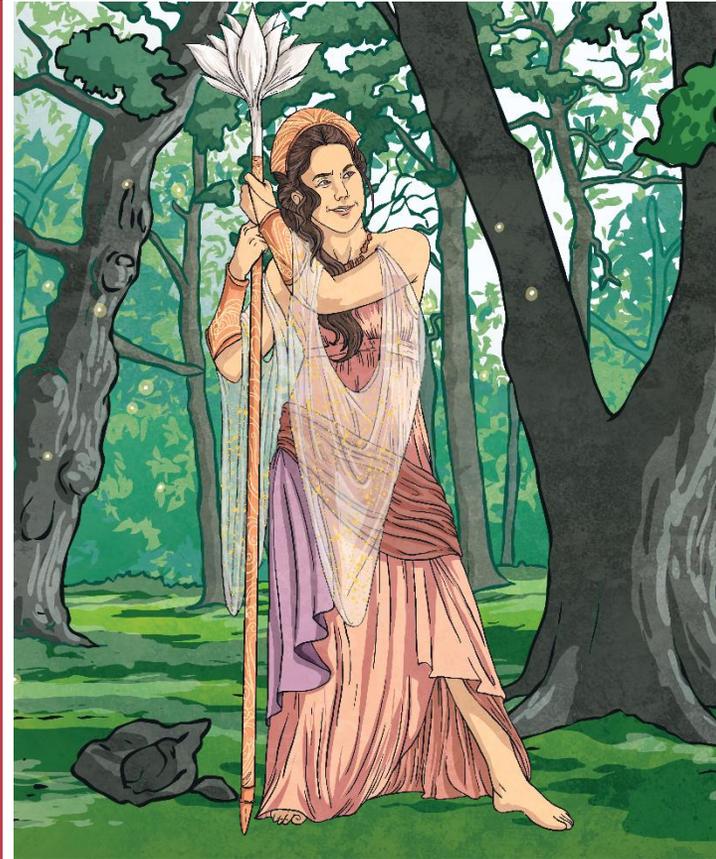


Juno: Queen of the Gods

Married to Jupiter.

Mother of Mars, Natio, Juventa and Vulcan

There was a festival every year on the 1st
March to honour Juno.



Pluto: God of the Underworld

Brother of Jupiter and Neptune.

He had a three-headed dog called
Cerberus.



Diana – goddess of hunting and of the moon.
She was Jupiter's daughter.

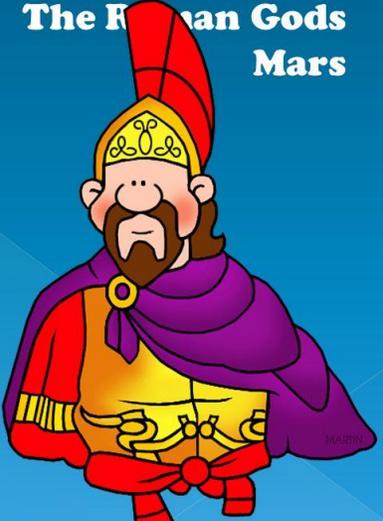


Activity – Find out about one of the Roman gods and goddesses. Create a poster about your chosen god or goddess.

The Roman Gods Mars

Mars, the god of war, represented all the destruction of battle. He was a protector of Rome and honored by its citizens.

In Roman mythology, he was the father of Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome.



Vesta



- Goddess of the Hearth. Protector of the home and the family
- Greek name is Hestia
- Never married
- Symbol: fire

The Roman Gods Minerva



Minerva was the goddess of wisdom, poetry, magic and medicine.

Her main symbol and sacred creature was the wise old owl.

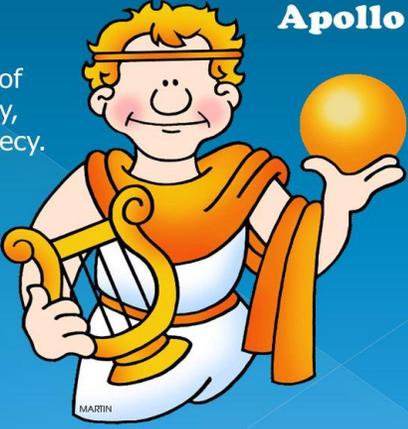
She is believed to be the inventor of numbers and musical instruments.

CERES

- Roman name: Ceres
- Greek name: Demeter
- Domain: goddess of grain, fertility
- Symbols: torch, corn, wheat



The Roman Gods Apollo



Apollo was the god of light, the sun, poetry, medicine and prophecy.

He is often seen holding a lyre, a gift from Mercury.

His other symbols included the snake, laurel and hyacinth.

Juno

Roman Name: Juno
Greek Name: Hera
Domain: Queen of the Gods, goddess of women and marriage
Characteristics: Jealousy of husband, anger and revenge
Symbols: Peacock, cow



Challenge- can you solve these anagrams?

Name: _____

Roman Gods Unscrambling

Look carefully at the jumbled words and try unscrambling as many of them as you can.
E.g. S M A R = MARS



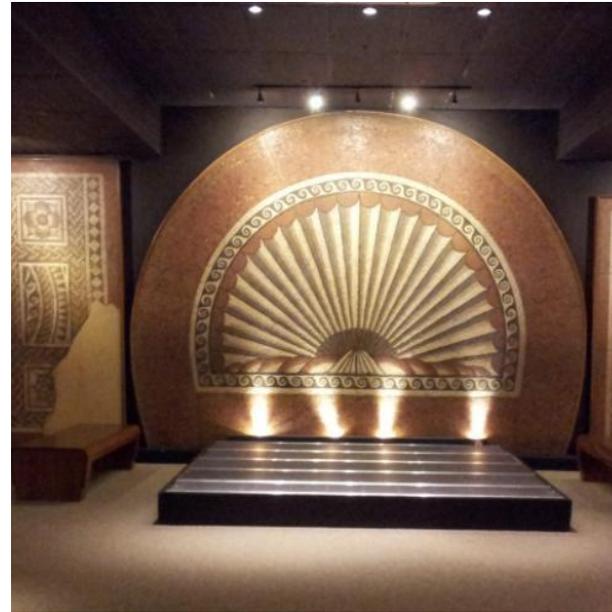
1. TIJREUP = _____
2. OLAOPL = _____
3. YEURCMR = _____
4. NSUVE = _____
5. ETNNUPE = _____
6. EIMARNV = _____
7. UNAVLC = _____
8. ONJU = _____

Finally, listen to and watch this short video which gives you information about life in Roman times.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nN_x9o8MV1o

We had planned a visit to Verulamium but sadly this couldn't take place. However the Museum have put together a virtual tour for you to enjoy.

<https://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk/learn/verulamium-museum-virtual-tour>



Answers to the anagrams.

1. Jupiter
2. Apollo
3. Mercury
4. Venus
5. Neptune
6. Minerva
7. Vulcan
8. Juno