OTHER GODS AND GODDESSES
and other creatures in Greek Mythology
OTHER OLYMPIANS

The following gods and goddess are sometimes included as one of the twelve Olympians:

- Hades
- Eos
- Hebe
- Eros
- Heracles
- Persephone
- Asclepius
- Pan
God of the Underworld, dead and the riches under the Earth ("Pluto" translates to "The Rich One"); he was born into the first Olympian generation, the elder brother of Zeus, Poseidon, Hera, and Demeter, and younger brother of Hestia, but as he lives in the Underworld rather than on Mount Olympus, he is typically not included amongst the twelve Olympians.
A divine hero, the son of Zeus and Alcmene, foster son of Amphitryon and great-grandson (and half-brother) of Perseus (Περσεύς). He was the greatest of the Greek heroes, a paragon of masculinity and a champion of the Olympian order against chthonic monsters.
Persephone, Queen of the Underworld and a daughter of Demeter and Zeus. Also goddess of spring time. She became the consort of Hades, the god of the underworld, when he kidnapped her. Demeter, driven to distraction by the disappearance of her daughter, neglected the earth so that nothing would grow. Zeus eventually ordered Hades to allow Persephone to leave the underworld and rejoin her mother. Hades did this, but because Persephone had eaten six of the twelve pomegranate seeds in the underworld when Hades first kidnapped her, she had to spend six months in the underworld each year. This created the seasons when for six months everything grows and flourishes then for the other six months everything wilts and dies.
The god of medicine and healing. He represents the healing aspect of the medical arts; his daughters are Hygieia ("Health"), Iaso ("Medicine"), Aceso ("Healing"), Aglæa/Ægle ("Healthy Glow"), and Panacea ("Universal Remedy"). He is the son of Apollo and Coronis.
Eros, the god of sexual love and beauty. He was also worshipped as a fertility deity, son of Aphrodite and Ares. He was depicted often as carrying a lyre or bow and arrow. He is often accompanied by dolphins, roses, and torches.
She is the goddess of youth, daughter of Zeus and Hera. Hebe was the cupbearer for the gods and goddesses of Mount Olympus, serving their nectar and ambrosia, until she was married to Heracles.
The god of nature, the wild, shepherds and flocks, mountains, hunting, the forest, and rustic music, as well as the companion of the nymphs. The root of the word 'panic' comes from the god Pan.
OTHER GODS AND GODDESSES OF OLYMPUS
Iris was the goddess of the rainbow and a messenger of the gods, in the Iliad the only messenger. Hermes appears first in that capacity in the Odyssey, but he does not take Iris’ place.
The Graces were three: Aglaia (Splendor), Euphroisyne (Mirth), and Thalia (Good Cheer). They were the daughters of Zeus and Eurynome, a child of the Titan, Ocean. Aglaia married Hephaestus.
The Muses were nine: Clio (History), Urania (Astronomy), Thalia (Comedy), Terpsichore (Dance), Calliope (Epic Poetry), Erato (Love Poetry), Polyhymnia (Songs to the gods), and Euterpe (Lyric Poetry). They were the daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne.
THE GODS OF THE WATERS
Poseidon was the Lord and Ruler of the Sea (the Mediterranean) and the Friendly Sea (the Euxine, now the Black Sea).

Underground rivers too, were his.
Ocean, a Titan, was Lord of the river Ocean, a great river encircling the earth. His wife, also a Titan, was Tethys.
**GODS OF THE WATERS**

- **Nereus** – the Old Man of the sea (the Mediterranean) – “A trusty agod and gentle”. His wife was Doris, a daughter of Ocean.
- **Triton** – the trumpreter of the Sea. His trumpet was a great shell.
- **Proteus** – Poseidon’s son, sometimes his attendant. Had the power of foretelling and changing his shape.
- **The Naiads** – water nymphs, dwelling in brooks and springs and fountains.
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- The kingdom of the dead was ruled by Hades or Pluto, and his queen, Persephone.
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- **Tartarus** and **Erebus** are sometimes two divisions of the underworld, **Tartarus** the deeper of the two, the prison of the sons of Earth; **Erebus** where the dead pass as soon as they die.
Acheron – the River of Woe, pours into Cocytus, the River of Lamentation.

Plegethon – River of Fire

Styx – River of Unbreakable Oath

Lethe – River or Forgetfulness
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- **Cerberus** – Guard of the gate, the three-headed, dragon-tailed dog, who permits all spirits to enter, but none to return.
- **The Erinyes (the Furies)** – they punish the evildoers.
- **Castor and Pollux** – very popular pair of brothers
- **Sleep and Death** – brothers in the underworld
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• The Sileni – part man and part horse.
• The Satyrs – goat-men.
• Aeolus – King of the Winds.
• The Centaurs – half-man, half-horse.
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- **Medusa**— Medusa was a monster, a Gorgon, generally described as having the face of a hideous human female with living venomous snakes in place of hair. Gazing directly into her eyes would turn onlookers to stone. Most sources describe her as the daughter of Phorcys and Ceto, though the author Hyginus interposes a generation and gives Medusa another chthonic pair as parents.