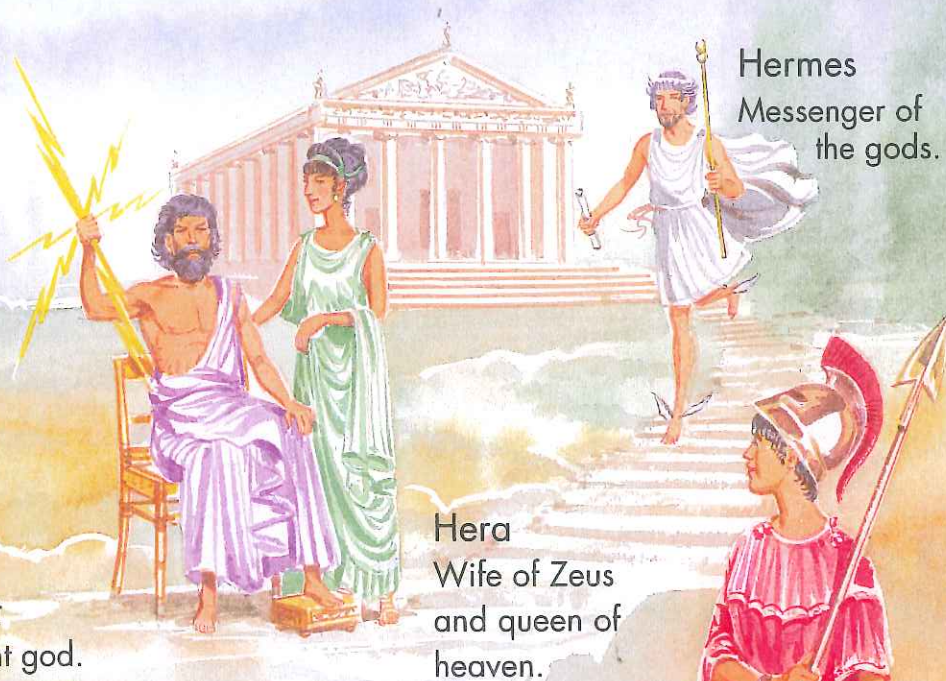


Gods and goddesses

The Greeks believed in many gods and goddesses. They controlled everything, from the weather to the way people felt. The Greeks thought that some of them lived on Mount Olympus. There are many stories about Greek gods and goddesses which we can read today.

These are some of the Greek gods and goddesses.



Zeus
The most important god.

Hera
Wife of Zeus and queen of heaven.

Hermes
Messenger of the gods.

Apollo
God of music. People went to his temple if they wanted to know about the future.



Athene
Goddess of wisdom.



This is the Parthenon. It had an enormous statue of Athene in it.

The Greeks built temples in every town. Each temple was for a particular god or goddess. People went to the temple to pray. Sometimes they took a gift to please the god. If this was an animal the priest would sacrifice (kill) it.

One temple still standing today is the Parthenon. It is in Athens and was built for the goddess Athene.

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