

Greek Gods and Goddess' Sixth Grade Research Project

Sixth Grade Social Studies

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Dear Social Studies Scholars,



We are going to spend two weeks working on a Greek gods and goddess' project. We will use some class time to work on this project, but you will need to work on it at home too. Your completed assignment is due on **Thursday, January 30th**. We will present your projects in class on January 30th and January 31st.

You will complete a writing project to supplement what you've been learning in social studies class. You will write a research report on the Greek god or goddess of your choice and you will also create a colored cover to accompany your informational report.

You may choose any one of the 16 options that I give you. You will have to conduct the research on your own, using resources at the library or on the computer. You **must document** (or cite) where you get **ALL** your information. Do not make any information up, and do not use information from your head or another person. This is an informational report, and the information about the god must be completely accurate. Nonetheless, you cannot copy another author's writing into your report, so you must paraphrase ideas (put the ideas into your own words) you read in your resources. Copying or not citing your sources is considered plagiarism and will not be tolerated. You will be given a **zero** on this assignment if you plagiarize.

All sixth grade students must complete this project; this assignment is 100 points and will be part of your third quarter grade. I am excited to read your reports and see your covers because I know that they will be awesome!

If you have questions at any time, please just ask me. Good luck!

Happy researching,

Mrs. Weis

OPTIONS:

Your options for the Greek god/goddess to research include:

1. Aphrodite goddess of love and beauty
2. Apollo god of the sun, poetry, & music
3. Ares god of war
4. Artemis goddess of the moon & the hunt
5. Athena goddess of wisdom & war
6. Demeter goddess of agriculture
7. Dionysus god of wine & fertility
8. Eros god of love
9. Hades god of the underworld
10. Hephaestus god of fire & metalworkers
11. Hera goddess of marriage
12. Hermes messenger of the gods & god of travel
13. Hestia goddess of the hearth (family fire)
14. Pan god of nature
15. Poseidon god of the sea
16. Zeus ruler of the gods

RESEARCH:

You must **use 2 or more resources** (websites, encyclopedias, or books) to gather information for your project. The following are suggested resources to use for your research, but you may also use other resources at the library. For the websites listed below, be sure to type in the entire web address. At each site, you will need to navigate on the page and click on the appropriate links to find more information about your chosen god/goddess. **As one more reminder, you must write down information about each resource that you use using the forms provided.**

○ Internet websites:

- <http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/olympians.html>
- <http://greek-gods.info/greek-gods/>
- <http://www.mythweb.com/>
- <http://www.timelessmyths.com/classical/olympians.html>
- <http://greece.mrdonn.org/greekgods/index.html>
- <http://www.webexhibits.org/greekgods/index.html>
- <http://www.pantheon.org/areas/mythology/europe/greek/>

○ Encyclopedias

- *World Book Encyclopedia*

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- Books
 - Wilkinson, Philip. (2007). *Eyewitness: Mythology*, Dorling Kindersley Publishers Ltd.
 - Selection of other books from local public library

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

REPORT: The final product that students will create is a 7-paragraph informational research report on the Greek god or goddess of his/her choice that contains the following information:

1. **Introduction:** Greek and Roman name of the god (and origins of name), the title of the god, a list of any important powers the god has, and a brief description of where the god can usually be found (where does the god spend his/her time in most myths?).
2. **Family/Relatives:** parents, siblings (brothers/sisters), and children; what gods or goddesses did he or she marry, love, or desire?
3. **History:** the story of the development of the god through birth, infancy, childhood, and life as an adult
4. **Physical appearance and symbols:** description of what the god looked like and any weapons / objects / animals / other symbols associated with the god
5. **Celebration:** are/were there any festivals to celebrate this god? Is this god a patron god of any city or area?
6. **Summary of one important myth involving the god:** a retelling of the major events in one myth, with a focus on the most important characteristics and powers of the god
7. **Conclusion:** other interesting facts or identifying characteristics about the god, summary of the findings and characteristics of the god; remember to leave the reader with something to remember about your god/goddess

COVER PAGE: Students will also create a colored cover page that includes:

- Greek name of the god
- the title of the god (found on page 2 of this packet)
- hand-drawn OR printed image of the god or goddess (must be colored)
- your name (as the author)

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Additionally, the report will include a bibliography citing all resources used to gather information for the report. Students must use at least 2 different sources to research their god or goddess. For the bibliography, the only requirement is that students complete the same graphic organizer found in this packet.

GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS:

Fill in the following graphic organizers to gather information about your chosen god/goddess.

PARAGRAPH 1

INTRODUCTION Greek name of my god:	
Roman name of my god:	title of the god: <i>(found on the options list, page 2)</i>
description of where god is usually found: (where the god spend most the time in myths)	list of any important powers the god has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ○ ○ ○

PARAGRAPH 2

Family & Relatives (you may not be able to fill in all boxes)		
mother:	father:	
brothers and sisters:	★ my god/goddess:	husband/wife/lover:
other family / relatives:	Children:	

PARAGRAPH 3**History**

birth & infancy (as a baby):

childhood:

life as an adult:

PARAGRAPH 4**Physical Appearance and Symbols**

physical characteristics:
(what did the god look like?)

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Add a quick sketch of the god, if you like.

symbols associated with the god:

- weapons:
- objects:
- animals:
- other symbols:

PARAGRAPH 5**Celebration**

Are there, or were there, any festivals or other special ways to celebrate your god? Describe.

Is this god a patron god of any city or area? Identify the city or area, and explain why.

PARAGRAPH 6**Summary of one important myth:**

(name of myth)

In the beginning,

In the middle,

In the end,

How is the god represented in the myth? What characteristics and powers are illustrated?

PARAGRAPH 7**CONCLUSION**

any other interesting facts or identifying characteristics (that are not already listed):

BIBLIOGRAPHY / WORKS CITED:

Complete 2 or more of the following graphic organizers to cite the resources used to gather information for your research report. Note that three different types are included, for reference books, other (non-reference) books, and websites; use the appropriate organizer. Sometimes, not all information is listed in a resource; if the information is not listed, leave that box blank and fill in as much as you can.

Reference Books

Author of article/entry (Sometimes no author or creator is listed. Leave blank.)
Title of article/entry
Title of Reference Book
Page Numbers
Volume Number
Publisher
Copyright Date

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Title of Reference Book
Page Numbers
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Books (not reference)

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Title of work
City of publication
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Pages
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Title of work
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More Websites (found through searching Google, Yahoo, other search engines)

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Name _____

Rubric

Completed Graphic Organizers: _____/15

Edited Rough Draft: _____/10

Report Elements: _____/35

- **Introduction**
- **Family/Relatives**
- **History**
- **Physical appearance and symbols**
- **Celebration**
- **Summary of one important myth involving the god**
- **Conclusion**

Cover: _____/10

Bibliography: _____/5

Free of spelling errors: _____/10

Presentation: _____/15

Total: _____/100