**Greek Gods, Goddesses, Creatures, and Heroes: Trading Card Project**

Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome were polytheistic societies; that is they believed in and worshipped many different gods. Both societies had a pantheon, or set, of gods and goddesses that they worshipped. Each god and goddess had certain particular qualities that characterized him or her. The ancient people then would pray or worship the particular god who had control over that area of life. The most prominent gods in ancient Greece and Rome were very similar. We will be focusing on the Greek mythology and attributes of the gods and goddesses.

For this project, you will make a “trading card” of one of the gods, goddesses, mythological creatures, and heroes from the list below.

Zeus

Hades

Poseidon

Hera

Hestia

Demeter

Athena

Aphrodite

Ares

Hephaestus

Hermes

Apollo

Artemis

Dionysus

Persephone

Chimera

Heracles

Cerberus

Medusa

Minotaur

Perseus

Atalanta

Pandora

Theseus

Pegasus

**PROJECT CALENDAR**

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| April 18 | Project Assigned |
| April 25 | FINAL PROJECT DUE |

**Where should I look for information?**

There are many excellent places to find information on the web. <http://www.theoi.com/> is a great resource to check out.

If you don’t find what you need or computer access is a challenge for you, there are books in the classroom you could check out or you could borrow one of the many great mythology books from either our school or the public library.

**Project Information**

**You will make a “trading card” for a deity (god or goddess), creature, or hero that contains the following information:**

**FRONT OF CARD**

1. **Greek** AND **Roman** name – correctly labeled
2. A **picture** of the character *(The picture must be clear. It could be a drawing, piece of clip art, photo of an ancient statue or painting or magazine clipping- be creative!)*

**BACK OF CARD**

1. **Relationship to other gods or famous mortals**. (Give the names of parents, brothers, sisters, and/or children. *Be thorough!)*
2. **Domain or Realm**: What is this deity in charge of? There may be more than one area. *(sky, travelers, etc.)*
3. **Symbols**: What objects are identified with each deity? Each god or goddess will probably have more than one symbol.
4. **Brief summary.** Write at least one paragraph summarizing a story that includes this character.

**CARD FORMATTING**: Card design is up to you but should meet the following standards.

* **Card size**: No smaller than 4”x6”. I recommend using 5 ½ x 8 ½ inch paper (half a sheet of standard paper).
* The cards should be of **sturdy paper stock** (e.g. heavy construction paper, poster board, or card-stock paper).
* **Neatness counts.** No visible glue or tape on your cards. Do NOT use staples.
* **Pictures should be attractive, colorful,** and **attention-getting**. You will lose points for fuzzy internet pictures; don’t blame your printer.
* **Spelling and grammar count**! Get help proofreading to avoid careless mistakes!

**LIST OF RESOURCES: MLA FORMAT!**

* You must turn in a list of resources you use for information.

(This must include any websites and sources for **all** pictures.)

* Resources must be listed on a separate sheet.
* If you find sites via a web search, you need to give the *entire web address*.