

Greek and Roman Mythology

Most of the Greek deities were adopted by the Romans, although in many cases there was a change of name. In the list below, information is given under the Greek name; the name in parentheses is the Roman equivalent. However, all Latin names are listed with cross-references to the Greek ones. In addition, there are several deities that are exclusively Roman. **Bold** words within entries indicate cross references.



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- **Achelous:** River god; son of [Oceanus](#) and Tethys and said to be the father of the [Sirens](#).
- **Acheron:** One of several [Rivers of Underworld](#).
- **Achilles:** Greek warrior; slew Hector at Troy; slain by Paris, who wounded him in his vulnerable heel.
- **Actaeon:** Hunter; surprised Artemis bathing; changed by her to stag; and killed by his dogs.
- **Admetus:** King of Thessaly; his wife, Alcestis, offered to die in his place.
- **Adonis:** Beautiful youth loved by Aphrodite.
- **Aeacus:** One of three judges of dead in Hades; son of Zeus.
- **Aeëtes:** King of Colchis; father of Medea; keeper of Golden Fleece.
- **Aegeus:** Father of Theseus; believing Theseus killed in Crete, he drowned himself; Aegean Sea named for him.
- **Aegisthus:** Son of Thyestes; slew Atreus; with Clytemnestra, his paramour, slew Agamemnon; slain by Orestes.
- **Aegyptus:** Brother of Danaus; his sons, except Lynceus, slain by Danaides.
- **Aeneas:** Trojan; son of Anchises and Aphrodite; after fall of Troy, led his followers eventually to Italy; loved and deserted Dido.
- **Aeolus:** One of several **Winds**.
- **Aesculapius:** See [Asclepius](#).
- **Aeson:** King of Iolcus; father of Jason; overthrown by his brother Pelias; restored to youth by Medea.
- **Aether:** Personification of sky.
- **Aethra:** Mother of Theseus.
- **Agamemnon:** King of Mycenae; son of Atreus; brother of Menelaus; leader of Greeks against Troy; slain on his return home by Clytemnestra and Aegisthus.
- **Aglaia:** One of several **Graces**.
- **Ajax:** Greek warrior; killed himself at Troy because Achilles's armor was awarded to Odysseus.

- **Alcestis:** Wife of Admetus; offered to die in his place but saved from death by Hercules.
- **Alcmene:** Wife of Amphitryon; mother by Zeus of Hercules.
- **Alcyone:** One of several **Pleiades**.
- **Alecto:** One of several **Furies**.
- **Alectryon:** Youth changed by Ares into cock.
- **Althaea:** Wife of Oeneus; mother of Meleager.
- **Amazons:** Female warriors in Asia Minor; supported Troy against Greeks.
- **Amor:** See **Eros**.
- **Amphion:** Musician; husband of Niobe; charmed stones to build fortifications for Thebes.
- **Amphitrite:** Sea goddess; wife of Poseidon.
- **Amphitryon:** Husband of Alcmene.
- **Anchises:** Father of Aeneas.
- **Ancile:** Sacred shield that fell from heavens; palladium of Rome.
- **Andraemon:** Husband of Dryope.
- **Andromache:** Wife of Hector.
- **Andromeda:** Daughter of Cepheus; chained to cliff for monster to devour; rescued by Perseus.
- **Anteia:** Wife of Proetus; tried to induce Bellerophon to elope with her.
- **Anteros:** God who avenged unrequited love.
- **Antigone:** Daughter of Oedipus; accompanied him to Colonus; performed burial rite for Polynices and hanged herself.
- **Antinoüs:** Leader of suitors of Penelope; slain by Odysseus.
- **Aphrodite (Venus):** Goddess of love and beauty; daughter of Zeus and Dione; mother of Eros.
- **Apollo:** God of beauty, poetry, music; later identified with Helios as Phoebus Apollo; son of Zeus and Leto.
- **Aquilo:** One of several **Winds**.
- **Arachne:** Maiden who challenged Athena to weaving contest; changed to spider.
- **Ares (Mars):** God of war; son of Zeus and Hera.
- **Argo:** Ship in which Jason and followers sailed to Colchis for Golden Fleece.
- **Argus:** Monster with hundred eyes; slain by Hermes; his eyes placed by Hera into peacock's tail.
- **Ariadne:** Daughter of Minos; aided Theseus in slaying Minotaur; deserted by him on island of Naxos and married to Dionysus.
- **Arion:** Musician; thrown overboard by pirates but saved by dolphin.
- **Artemis (Diana):** Goddess of moon; huntress; twin sister of Apollo.
- **Asclepius (Aesculapius):** Mortal son of Apollo; slain by Zeus for raising dead; later deified as god of medicine. Also known as Asklepios.
- **Astarte:** Phoenician goddess of love; variously identified with Aphrodite, Selene, and Artemis.
- **Asterope:** See **Sterope**.
- **Astraea:** Goddess of Justice; daughter of Zeus and Themis.
- **Atalanta:** Princess who challenged her suitors to a foot race; Hippomenes won race and married her.
- **Athena (Minerva):** Goddess of wisdom; known poetically as Pallas Athene; sprang fully armed from head of Zeus.
- **Atlas:** Titan; held world on his shoulders as punishment for warring against Zeus; son of Iapetus.
- **Atreus:** King of Mycenae; father of Menelaus and Agamemnon; brother of Thyestes, three of whose sons he slew and served to him at banquet; slain by Aegisthus.
- **Atropos:** One of several **Fates**.
- **Aurora:** See **Eos**.

- **Auster:** One of several **Winds**.
- **Avernus:** Infernal regions; name derived from small vaporous lake near Vesuvius which was fabled to kill birds and vegetation.
- **Bacchus:** See **Dionysus**.
- **Bellerophon:** Corinthian hero; killed Chimera with aid of Pegasus; tried to reach Olympus on Pegasus and was thrown to his death.
- **Bellona:** Roman goddess of war.
- **Boreas:** One of several **Winds**.
- **Briareus:** Monster of hundred hands; son of Uranus and Gaea.
- **Briseis:** Captive maiden given to Achilles; taken by Agamemnon in exchange for loss of Chryseis, which caused Achilles to cease fighting, until death of Patroclus.
- **Cadmus:** Brother of Europa; planter of dragon seeds from which first Thebans sprang.
- **Calliope:** One of several **Muses**.
- **Calypso:** Sea nymph; kept Odysseus on her island Ogygia for seven years.
- **Cassandra:** Daughter of Priam; prophetess who was never believed; slain with Agamemnon.
- **Castor:** One of **Dioscuri**.
- **Celaeno:** One of several **Pleiades**.
- **Centaur:** Beings half man and half horse; lived in mountains of Thessaly.
- **Cephalus:** Hunter; accidentally killed his wife Procris with his spear.
- **Cepheus:** King of Ethiopia; father of Andromeda.
- **Cerberus:** Three-headed dog guarding entrance to Hades.
- **Ceres:** See **Demeter**.
- **Chaos:** Formless void; personified as first of gods.
- **Charon:** Boatman on Styx who carried souls of dead to Hades; son of Erebus.
- **Charybdis:** Female monster; personification of whirlpool.
- **Chimera:** Female monster with head of lion, body of goat, tail of serpent; killed by Bellerophon.
- **Chiron:** Most famous of centaurs.
- **Chronos:** Personification of time.
- **Chryseis:** Captive maiden given to Agamemnon; his refusal to accept ransom from her father Chryses caused Apollo to send plague on Greeks besieging Troy.
- **Circe:** Sorceress; daughter of Helios; changed Odysseus's men into swine.
- **Clio:** One of several **Muses**.
- **Clotho:** One of several **Fates**.
- **Clytemnestra:** Wife of Agamemnon, whom she slew with aid of her paramour, Aegisthus; slain by her son Orestes.
- **Cocytus:** One of several **Rivers of Underworld**.
- **Creon:** Father of Jocasta; forbade burial of Polynices; ordered burial alive of Antigone.
- **Creüsa:** Princess of Corinth, for whom Jason deserted Medea; slain by Medea, who sent her poisoned robe; also known as Gläuke.
- **Creusa:** Wife of Aeneas; died fleeing Troy.
- **Cronus (Saturn):** Titan; god of harvests; son of Uranus and Gaea; dethroned by his son Zeus.
- **Cupid:** See **Eros**.
- **Cybele:** Anatolian nature goddess; adopted by Greeks and identified with Rhea.
- **Cyclopes:** Race of one-eyed giants (singular: Cyclops).
- **Daedalus:** Athenian artificer; father of Icarus; builder of Labyrinth in Crete; devised wings attached with wax for him and Icarus to escape Crete.

- **Danae**: Princess of Argos; mother of Perseus by Zeus, who appeared to her in form of golden shower.
- **Danaïdes**: Daughters of Danaüs; at his command, all except Hypermnestra slew their husbands, the sons of Aegyptus.
- **Danaüs**: Brother of Aegyptus; father of Danaïdes; slain by Lynceus.
- **Daphne**: Nymph; pursued by Apollo; changed to laurel tree.
- **Decuma**: One of several **Fates**.
- **Deino**: One of several **Graeeae**.
- **Demeter (Ceres)**: Goddess of agriculture; mother of Persephone.
- **Diana**: See **Artemis**.
- **Dido**: Founder and queen of Carthage; stabbed herself when deserted by Aeneas.
- **Diomedes**: Greek hero; with Odysseus, entered Troy and carried off Palladium, sacred statue of Athena.
- **Diomedes**: Owner of man-eating horses, which Hercules, as ninth labor, carried off.
- **Dione**: Titan goddess; mother by Zeus of Aphrodite.
- **Dionysus (Bacchus)**: God of wine; son of Zeus and Semele.
- **Dioscuri**: Twins Castor and Pollux; sons of Leda by Zeus.
- **Dis**: See **Pluto**, **Hades**.
- **Dryads**: Wood nymphs.
- **Dryope**: Maiden changed to Hamadryad.
- **Echo**: Nymph who fell hopelessly in love with Narcissus; faded away except for her voice.
- **Electra**: Daughter of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra; sister of Orestes; urged Orestes to slay Clytemnestra and Aegisthus.
- **Electra**: One of several **Pleiades**.
- **Elysium**: Abode of blessed dead.
- **Endymion**: Mortal loved by Selene.
- **Enyo**: One of several **Graeeae**.
- **Eos (Aurora)**: Goddess of dawn.
- **Epimetheus**: Brother of Prometheus; husband of Pandora.
- **Erato**: One of several **Muses**.
- **Erebus**: Spirit of darkness; son of Chaos.
- **Erinyes**: One of several **Furies**.
- **Eris**: Goddess of discord.
- **Eros (Amor or Cupid)**: God of love; son of Aphrodite.
- **Eteocles**: Son of Oedipus, whom he succeeded to rule alternately with Polynices; refused to give up throne at end of year; he and Polynices slew each other.
- **Eumenides**: One of several **Furies**.
- **Euphrosyne**: One of several **Graces**.
- **Europa**: Mortal loved by Zeus, who, in form of white bull, carried her off to Crete.
- **Eurus**: One of several **Winds**.
- **Euryale**: One of several **Gorgons**.
- **Eurydice**: Nymph; wife of Orpheus.
- **Eurystheus**: King of Argos; imposed twelve labors on Hercules.
- **Euterpe**: One of several **Muses**.
- **Fates**: Goddesses of destiny; Clotho (Spinner of thread of life), Lachesis (Determiner of length), and Atropos (Cutter of thread); also called Moirae. Identified by Romans with their goddesses of fate; Nona, Decuma, and Morta; called Parcae.
- **Fauns**: Roman deities of woods and groves.
- **Faunus**: See **Pan**.
- **Favonius**: One of several **Winds**.
- **Flora**: Roman goddess of flowers.

- **Fortuna:** Roman goddess of fortune.
- **Furies:** Avenging spirits; Alecto, Megaera, and Tisiphone; known also as Erinyes or Eumenides.
- **Gaea:** Goddess of earth; daughter of Chaos; mother of Titans; known also as Ge, Gea, Gaia, etc.
- **Galatea:** Statue of maiden carved from ivory by Pygmalion; given life by Aphrodite.
- **Galatea:** Sea nymph; loved by Polyphemus.
- **Ganymede:** Beautiful boy; successor to Hebe as cupbearer of gods.
- **Glaucus:** Mortal who became sea divinity by eating magic grass.
- **Golden Fleece:** Fleece from ram that flew Phrixos to Colchis; Aeëtes placed it under guard of dragon; carried off by Jason.
- **Gorgons:** Female monsters; Euryale, Medusa, and Stheno; had snakes for hair; their glances turned mortals to stone.
- **Graces:** Beautiful goddesses: Aglaia (Brilliance), Euphrosyne (Joy), and Thalia (Bloom); daughters of Zeus.
- **Graeae:** Sentinels for **Gorgons**; Deino, Enyo, and Pephredo; had one eye among them, which passed from one to another.
- **Hades (Dis):** Name sometimes given Pluto; also, abode of dead, ruled by Pluto.
- **Haemon:** Son of Creon; promised husband of Antigone; killed himself in her tomb.
- **Hamadryads:** Tree nymphs.
- **Harpies:** Monsters with heads of women and bodies of birds.
- **Hebe (Juventas):** Goddess of youth; cupbearer of gods before Ganymede; daughter of Zeus and Hera.
- **Hecate:** Goddess of sorcery and witchcraft.
- **Hector:** Son of Priam; slayer of Patroclus; slain by Achilles.
- **Hecuba:** Wife of Priam.
- **Helen:** Fairest woman in world; daughter of Zeus and Leda; wife of Menelaus; carried to Troy by Paris, causing Trojan War.
- **Heliades:** Daughters of Helios; mourned for Phaëthon and were changed to poplar trees.
- **Helios (Sol):** God of sun; later identified with Apollo.
- **Helle:** Sister of Phrixos; fell from ram of Golden Fleece; water where she fell named Hellespont.
- **Hephaestus (Vulcan):** God of fire; celestial blacksmith; son of Zeus and Hera; husband of Aphrodite.
- **Hera (Juno):** Queen of heaven; wife of Zeus.
- **Hercules:** Hero and strong man; son of Zeus and Alcmene; performed twelve labors or deeds to be free from bondage under Eurystheus; after death, his mortal share was destroyed, and he became immortal. Also known as Herakles or Heracles. Labors: (1) killing Nemean lion; (2) killing Lernaean Hydra; (3) capturing Erymanthian boar; (4) capturing Cerynean hind; (5) killing man-eating Stymphalian birds; (6) procuring girdle of Hippolyte; (7) cleaning Augean stables; (8) capturing Cretan bull; (9) capturing man-eating horses of Diomedes; (10) capturing cattle of Geryon; (11) procuring golden apples of Hesperides; (12) bringing Cerberus up from Hades.
- **Hermes (Mercury):** God of physicians and thieves; messenger of gods; son of Zeus and Maia.
- **Hero:** Priestess of Aphrodite; Leander swam Hellespont nightly to see her; drowned herself at his death.
- **Hesperus:** Evening star.
- **Hestia (Vesta):** Goddess of hearth; sister of Zeus.
- **Hippolyte:** Queen of **Amazons**; wife of Theseus.
- **Hippolytus:** Son of Theseus and Hippolyte; falsely accused by Phaedra of trying to kidnap her; slain by Poseidon at request of Theseus.

- **Hippomenes:** Husband of Atalanta, whom he beat in race by dropping golden apples, which she stopped to pick up.
- **Hyacinthus:** Beautiful youth accidentally killed by Apollo, who caused flower to spring up from his blood.
- **Hydra:** Nine-headed monster in marsh of Lerna; slain by Hercules.
- **Hygeia:** Personification of health.
- **Hymen:** God of marriage.
- **Hyperion:** Titan; early sun god; father of Helios.
- **Hypermnestra:** Daughter of Danaüs; refused to kill her husband Lynceus.
- **Hypnos (Somnus):** God of sleep.
- **Iapetus:** Titan; father of Atlas, Epimetheus, and Prometheus.
- **Icarus:** Son of Daedalus; flew too near sun with wax-attached wings and fell into sea and was drowned.
- **Io:** Mortal maiden loved by Zeus; changed by Hera into heifer.
- **Iobates:** King of Lycia; sent Bellerophon to slay Chimera.
- **Iphigenia:** Daughter of Agamemnon; offered as sacrifice to Artemis at Aulis; carried by Artemis to Tauris where she became priestess; escaped from there with Orestes.
- **Iris:** Goddess of rainbow; messenger of Zeus and Hera.
- **Ismene:** Daughter of Oedipus; sister of Antigone.
- **Iulus:** Son of Aeneas.
- **Ixion:** King of Lapithae; for making love to Hera he was bound to endlessly revolving wheel in Tartarus.
- **Janus:** Roman god of gates and doors; represented with two opposite faces.
- **Jason:** Son of Aeson; to gain throne of Iolcus from Pelias, went to Colchis and brought back Golden Fleece; married Medea; deserted her for Creusa.
- **Jocasta:** Wife of Laius; mother of Oedipus; unwittingly became wife of Oedipus; hanged herself when relationship was discovered.
- **Juno:** See [Hera](#).
- **Jupiter:** See [Zeus](#).
- **Juventas:** See [Hebe](#).
- **Lachesis:** One of several [Fates](#).
- **Laius:** Father of Oedipus, by whom he was slain.
- **Laocoön:** Priest of Apollo at Troy; warned against bringing wooden horse into Troy; destroyed with his two sons by serpents sent by Athena.
- **Lares:** Roman ancestral spirits protecting descendants and homes.
- **Latona:** See [Leto](#).
- **Lavinia:** Wife of Aeneas after defeat of Turnus.
- **Leander:** Swam Hellespont nightly to see Hero; drowned in storm.
- **Leda:** Mortal loved by Zeus in form of swan; mother of Helen, Clytemnestra, Dioscuri.
- **Lethe:** One of several [Rivers of Underworld](#).
- **Leto (Latona):** Mother by Zeus of Artemis and Apollo.
- **Lucina:** Roman goddess of childbirth; identified with Juno.
- **Lynceus:** Son of Aegyptus; husband of Hypermnestra; slew Danaüs.
- **Maia:** Daughter of Atlas; mother of Hermes.
- **Maia:** One of several [Pleiades](#).
- **Manes:** Souls of dead Romans, particularly of ancestors.
- **Mars:** See [Ares](#).
- **Marsyas:** Shepherd; challenged Apollo to music contest and lost; flayed alive by Apollo.
- **Medea:** Sorceress; daughter of Aeëtes; helped Jason obtain Golden Fleece; when deserted by him for Creusa, killed her children and Creusa.

- **Medusa:** One of several **Gorgons**, slain by Perseus, who cut off her head.
- **Megaera:** One of several **Furies**.
- **Meleager:** Son of Althaea; his life would last as long as brand burning at his birth; Althaea quenched and saved it but destroyed it when Meleager slew his uncles.
- **Melpomene:** One of several **Muses**.
- **Memnon:** Ethiopian king; made immortal by Zeus; son of Tithonus and Eos.
- **Menelaus:** King of Sparta; son of Atreus; brother of Agamemnon; husband of Helen.
- **Mentor:** Tutor of Telemachus and friend of Odysseus. In the *Odyssey*, on several occasions, Athena assumes form of Mentor to give advice to Telemachus or Odysseus
- **Mercury:** See **Hermes**.
- **Merope:** One of several **Pleiades**. Merope is said to have hidden in shame for loving a mortal.
- **Mezentius:** Cruel Etruscan king; ally of Turnus against Aeneas; slain by Aeneas.
- **Midas:** King of Phrygia; given gift of turning to gold all he touched.
- **Minerva:** See **Athena**.
- **Minos:** King of Crete; after death, one of three judges of dead in Hades; son of Zeus and Europa.
- **Minotaur:** Monster, half man and half beast, kept in Labyrinth in Crete; slain by Theseus.
- **Mnemosyne:** Goddess of memory; mother by Zeus of **Muses**.
- **Moirae:** One of several **Fates**.
- **Momus:** God of ridicule.
- **Morpheus:** God of dreams.
- **Mors:** See **Thanatos**.
- **Morta:** One of several **Fates**.
- **Muses:** Goddesses presiding over arts and sciences: Calliope (epic poetry), Clio (history), Erato (lyric and love poetry), Euterpe (music), Melpomene (tragedy), Polymnia or Polyhymnia (sacred poetry), Terpsichore (choral dance and song), Thalia (comedy and bucolic poetry), Urania (astronomy); daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne.
- **Naiads:** Nymphs of waters, streams, and fountains.
- **Napaeae:** Wood nymphs.
- **Narcissus:** Beautiful youth loved by Echo; in punishment for not returning her love, he was made to fall in love with his image reflected in pool; pined away and became flower.
- **Nemesis:** Goddess of retribution.
- **Neoptolemus:** Son of Achilles; slew Priam; also known as Pyrrhus.
- **Neptune:** See **Poseidon**.
- **Nereids:** Sea nymphs; attendants on Poseidon.
- **Nestor:** King of Pylos; noted for wise counsel in expedition against Troy.
- **Nike:** Goddess of victory.
- **Niobe:** Daughter of Tantalus; wife of Amphion; her children slain by Apollo and Artemis; changed to stone but continued to weep her loss.
- **Nona:** One of several **Fates**.
- **Notus:** One of several **Winds**.
- **Nox:** See **Nyx**.
- **Nymphs:** Beautiful maidens; minor deities of nature.
- **Nyx (Nox):** Goddess of night.
- **Oceanids:** Ocean nymphs; daughters of Oceanus.
- **Oceanus:** Eldest of Titans; god of waters.
- **Odysseus (Ulysses):** King of Ithaca; husband of Penelope; wandered ten years after fall of Troy before arriving home.
- **Oedipus:** King of Thebes; son of Laius and Jocasta; unwittingly murdered Laius and married Jocasta; tore his eyes out when relationship was discovered.
- **Oenone:** Nymph of Mount Ida; wife of Paris, who abandoned her; refused to cure him when he was poisoned by arrow of Philoctetes at Troy.

- **Ops:** See [Rhea](#).
- **Oreads:** Mountain nymphs.
- **Orestes:** Son of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra; brother of Electra; slew Clytemnestra and Aegisthus; pursued by [Furies](#) until his purification by Apollo.
- **Orion:** Hunter; slain by Artemis and made heavenly constellation.
- **Orpheus:** Famed musician; son of Apollo and Muse Calliope; husband of Eurydice.
- **Pales:** Roman goddess of shepherds and herdsmen.
- **Palinurus:** Aeneas' pilot; fell overboard in his sleep and was drowned.
- **Pan (Faunus):** God of woods and fields; part goat; son of Hermes.
- **Pandora:** Opener of box containing human ills; mortal wife of Epimetheus.
- **Parcae:** One of several [Fates](#).
- **Paris:** Son of Priam; gave apple of discord to Aphrodite, for which she enabled him to carry off Helen; slew Achilles at Troy; slain by Philoctetes.
- **Patroclus:** Great friend of Achilles; wore Achilles' armor and was slain by Hector.
- **Pegasus:** Winged horse that sprang from Medusa's body at her death; ridden by Bellerophon when he slew Chimera.
- **Pelias:** King of Iolcus; seized throne from his brother Aeson; sent Jason for Golden Fleece; slain unwittingly by his daughters at instigation of Medea.
- **Pelops:** Son of Tantalus; his father cooked and served him to gods; restored to life; Peloponnesus named for him.
- **Penates:** Roman household gods.
- **Penelope:** Wife of Odysseus; waited faithfully for him for many years while putting off numerous suitors.
- **Pephredo:** One of several [Graeae](#).
- **Periphetes:** Giant; son of Hephaestus; slain by Theseus.
- **Persephone (Proserpine):** Queen of infernal regions; daughter of Zeus and Demeter; wife of Pluto.
- **Perseus:** Son of Zeus and Danaë; slew Medusa; rescued Andromeda from monster and married her.
- **Phaedra:** Daughter of Minos; wife of Theseus; caused the death of her stepson, Hippolytus.
- **Phaethon:** Son of Helios; drove his father's sun chariot and was struck down by Zeus before he set world on fire.
- **Philoctetes:** Greek warrior who possessed Hercules' bow and arrows; slew Paris at Troy with poisoned arrow.
- **Phineus:** Betrothed of Andromeda; tried to slay Perseus but turned to stone by Medusa's head.
- **Phlegethon:** One of several [Rivers of Underworld](#).
- **Phosphor:** Morning star.
- **Phrixos:** Brother of Helle; carried by ram of Golden Fleece to Colchis.
- **Pirithous:** Son of Ixion; friend of Theseus; tried to carry off Persephone from Hades; bound to enchanted rock by Pluto.
- **Pleiades:** Alcyone, Celaeno, Electra, Maia, Merope, Sterope or Asterope, Taygeta; seven daughters of Atlas; transformed into heavenly constellation, of which six stars are visible (Merope is said to have hidden in shame for loving a mortal).
- **Pluto (Dis):** God of Hades; brother of Zeus.
- **Plutus:** God of wealth.
- **Pollux:** One of [Dioscuri](#).
- **Polyhymnia:** See Polymnia.
- **Polymnia (Polyhymnia):** One of several [Muses](#).

- **Polynices**: Son of Oedipus; he and his brother Eteocles killed each other; burial rite, forbidden by Creon, performed by his sister Antigone.
- **Polyphemus**: Cyclops; devoured six of Odysseus's men; blinded by Odysseus.
- **Polyxena**: Daughter of Priam; betrothed to Achilles, whom Paris slew at their betrothal; sacrificed to shade of Achilles.
- **Pomona**: Roman goddess of fruits.
- **Pontus**: Sea god; son of Gaea.
- **Poseidon (Neptune)**: God of sea; brother of Zeus.
- **Priam**: King of Troy; husband of Hecuba; ransomed Hector's body from Achilles; slain by Neoptolemus.
- **Priapus**: God of regeneration.
- **Procris**: Wife of Cephalus, who accidentally slew her.
- **Procrustes**: Giant; stretched or cut off legs of victims to make them fit iron bed; slain by Theseus.
- **Proetus**: Husband of Anteia; sent Bellerophon to Iobates to be put to death.
- **Prometheus**: Titan; stole fire from heaven for man. Zeus punished him by chaining him to rock in Caucasus where vultures devoured his liver daily.
- **Proserpine**: See Persephone.
- **Proteus**: Sea god; assumed various shapes when called on to prophesy.
- **Psyche**: Beloved of Eros; punished by jealous Aphrodite; made immortal and united with Eros.
- **Pygmalion**: King of Cyprus; carved ivory statue of maiden which Aphrodite gave life as Galatea.
- **Pyramus**: Babylonian youth; made love to Thisbe through hole in wall; thinking Thisbe slain by lion, killed himself.
- **Python**: Serpent born from slime left by Deluge; slain by Apollo.
- **Quirinus**: Roman war god.
- **Remus**: Brother of Romulus; slain by him.
- **Rhadamanthus**: One of three judges of dead in Hades; son of Zeus and Europa.
- **Rhea (Ops)**: Daughter of Uranus and Gaea; wife of Cronus; mother of Zeus; identified with Cybele.
- **Rivers of Underworld**. Acheron (woe), Cocytus (wailing), Lethe (forgetfulness), Phlegethon (fire), Styx (across which souls of dead were ferried by Charon).
- **Romulus**: Founder of Rome; he and Remus suckled in infancy by she-wolf; slew Remus; deified by Romans.
- **Sarpedon**: King of Lycia; son of Zeus and Europa; slain by Patroclus at Troy.
- **Saturn**: See Cronus.
- **Satyrs**: Hoofed demigods of woods and fields; companions of Dionysus.
- **Sciron**: Robber; forced strangers to wash his feet, then hurled them into sea where tortoise devoured them; slain by Theseus.
- **Scylla**: Female monster inhabiting rock opposite Charybdis; menaced passing sailors.
- **Selene**: Goddess of moon.
- **Semele**: Daughter of Cadmus; mother by Zeus of Dionysus; demanded Zeus appear before her in all his splendor and was destroyed by his lightning bolts.
- **Sibyls**: Various prophetesses; most famous, Cumaean sibyl, accompanied Aeneas into Hades.
- **Sileni**: Minor woodland deities similar to satyrs (singular: silenus). Sometimes Silenus refers to eldest of satyrs, son of Hermes or of Pan.
- **Silvanus**: Roman god of woods and fields.
- **Sinis**: Giant; bent pines, with which he hurled victims against side of mountain; slain by Theseus.

- **Sirens:** Minor deities who lured sailors to destruction with their singing.
- **Sisyphus:** King of Corinth; condemned in Tartarus to roll huge stone to top of hill; it always rolled back down again.
- **Sol:** See [Helios](#).
- **Somnus:** See [Hypnos](#).
- **Sphinx:** Monster of Thebes; killed those who could not answer her riddle; slain by Oedipus. Name also refers to other monsters having body of lion, wings, and head and bust of woman.
- **Sterope (Asterope):** One of several [Pleiades](#).
- **Stheno:** One of several [Gorgons](#).
- **Styx:** One of several [Rivers of Underworld](#). The souls of the dead were ferried across the Styx by Charon.
- **Symplegades:** Clashing rocks at entrance to Black Sea; Argo passed through, causing them to become forever fixed.
- **Syrinx:** Nymph pursued by Pan; changed to reeds, from which he made his pipes.
- **Tantalus:** Cruel king; father of Pelops and Niobe; condemned in Tartarus to stand chin-deep in lake surrounded by fruit branches; as he tried to eat or drink, water or fruit always receded.
- **Tartarus:** Underworld below Hades; often refers to Hades.
- **Taygeta:** One of several [Pleiades](#).
- **Telemachus:** Son of Odysseus; made unsuccessful journey to find his father.
- **Tellus:** Roman goddess of earth.
- **Terminus:** Roman god of boundaries and landmarks.
- **Terpsichore:** One of several [Muses](#).
- **Terra:** Roman earth goddess.
- **Thalia:** One of several **Graces**. Also one of several [Muses](#).
- **Thanatos (Mors):** God of death.
- **Themis:** Titan goddess of laws of physical phenomena; daughter of Uranus; mother of Prometheus.
- **Theseus:** Son of Aegeus; slew Minotaur; married and deserted Ariadne; later married Phaedra.
- **Thisbe:** Beloved of Pyramus; killed herself at his death.
- **Thyestes:** Brother of Atreus; Atreus killed three of his sons and served them to him at banquet.
- **Tiresias:** Blind soothsayer of Thebes.
- **Tisiphone:** One of several [Furies](#).
- **Titans:** Early gods from which Olympian gods were derived; children of Uranus and Gaea.
- **Tithonus:** Mortal loved by Eos; changed into grasshopper.
- **Triton:** Demigod of sea; son of Poseidon.
- **Turnus:** King of Rutuli in Italy; betrothed to Lavinia; slain by Aeneas.
- **Ulysses:** See [Odysseus](#).
- **Urania:** One of several [Muses](#).
- **Uranus:** Personification of Heaven; husband of Gaea; father of Titans; dethroned by his son Cronus.
- **Venus:** See [Aphrodite](#).
- **Vertumnus:** Roman god of fruits and vegetables; husband of Pomona.
- **Vesta:** See [Hestia](#).
- **Vulcan:** See [Hephaestus](#).
- **Winds:** Aeolus (keeper of winds), Boreas (Aquilo) (north wind), Eurus (east wind), Notus (Auster) (south wind), Zephyrus (Favonius) (west wind).
- **Zephyrus:** One of several **Winds**.

- **Zeus (Jupiter)**: Chief of Olympian gods; son of Cronus and Rhea; husband of Hera.

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