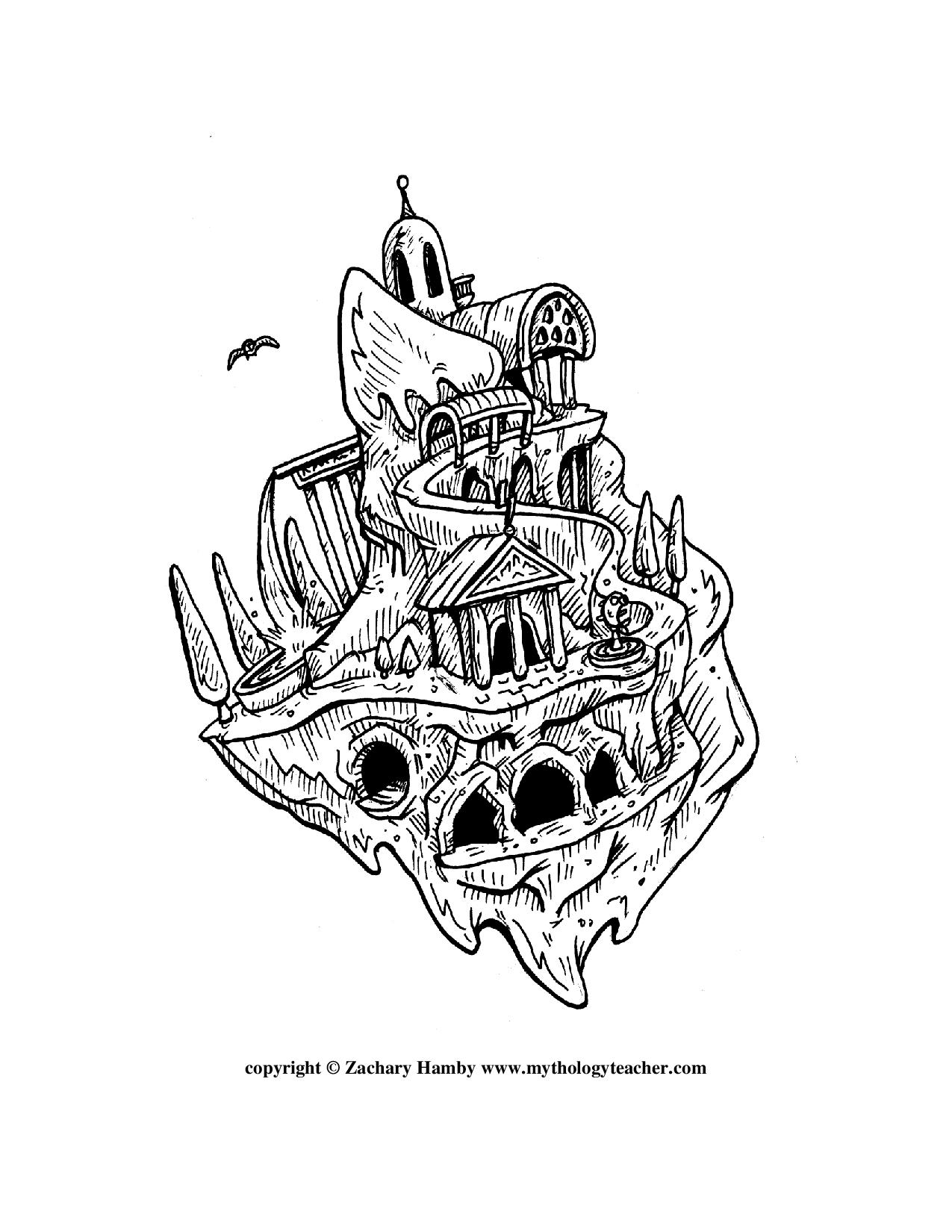
**The Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Greece**

**Mount Olympus**

**What is it?**

* home of the gods
* originally thought to be a real mountain

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**Zeus**

**Roman Name:** Jupiter

**God of:** the sky/Supreme Ruler of the Gods

**Parents:** Chronos and Rhea

**Spouse:** Hera

**One Fact:** defeated Chronos as the previous ruler of the world

**Hera**

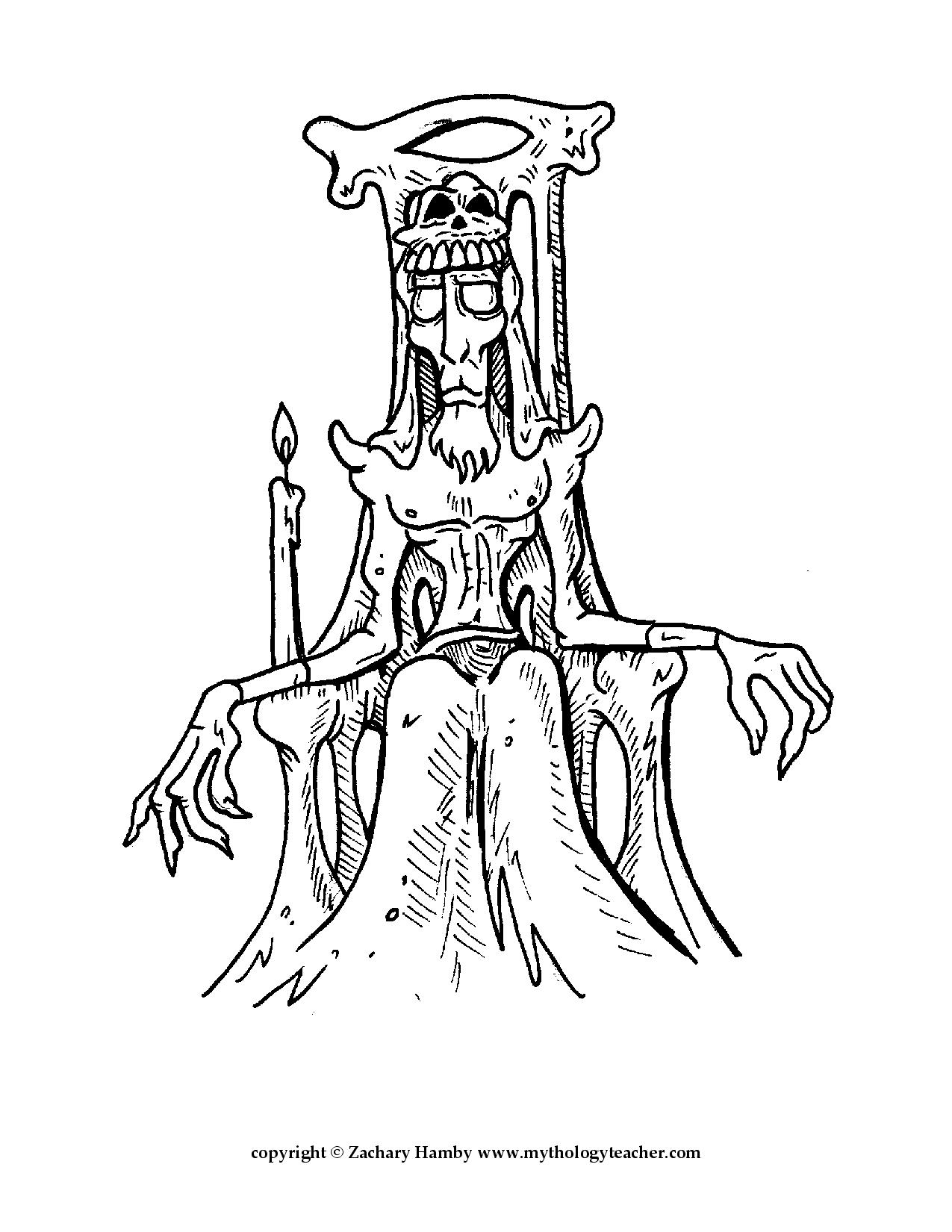
**Roman Name:** Juno

**Goddess of:** women, marriage, family, and childbirth

**Parents:** Chronos and Rhea

**Spouse:** Zeus

**One Fact:** very jealous of Zeus’ numerous lovers and illegitimate children and sought to torture them.

**Hades**

**Roman Name:** Pluto

**God of:** the Underworld/the dead

**Parents:** Chronos and Rhea

**Spouse:** Persephone

**One Fact:** He was the first son of Chronos and Rhea, but the last to be regurgitated, so he is considered the youngest brother.

**Poseidon**

**Roman Name:** Neptune

**God of:** the sea, other waters, earthquakes, and of horses

**Parents:** Chronos and Rhea

**Spouse:** Amphitrite

**One Fact:** created horses, which is why he is the god of them

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**Demeter**

**Roman Name:** Ceres

**Goddess of:** harvest, and agriculture

**Parents:** Chronos and Rhea

**Spouse:** n/a, but had a daughter named Persephone

**One Fact:** her moods affect the seasons

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**Aphrodite**

**Roman Name:** Venus

**Goddess of:** love, beauty, pleasure and procreation

**Spouse:** Hephaestus

**One Fact:** her major symbols include myrtles, roses, doves, sparrows, and swans.

**Hestia**

**Roman Name:** Vesta

**Goddess of:** hearth, home, architecture, domesticity, the state

**Parents: Chronos and Rhea**

**One Fact:** first born daughter of Chronos and Rhea and the last to be regurgitated so was considered the youngest sister.

**Ares**

**Roman Name:** Mars

**God of:** war

**Parents:** Zeus and Hera

**One Fact:** none of the gods liked him very much, and Zeus even tells him that he is the god most hateful to him in *The Iliad.*

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**Athena**

**Roman Name:** Minerva

**Goddess of:** wisdom, handicraft, and warfare

**Parents:** Zeus

**One Fact:** patron goddess of the city of Athens, winning this role in a competition with Poseidon. She created the olive tree.

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**Hephaestus**

**Roman Name:** Vulcan

**God of:** blacksmiths, metalworking, carpenters, craftsmen, artisans, sculptors, metallurgy, fire, volcanoes

**Parents:** Zeus and Hera, or just Hera

**Spouse:** Aphrodite

**One Fact:** was rejected for his ugliness and deformity and thrown off Mount Olympus and down to Earth, where he learned his craft.

**Hebe**

**Roman Name:** Juventas

**Role:** cupbearer to the Gods, served them nectar and ambrosia

**Parents:** Hera and Zeus

**Spouse:** Heracles

**One Fact:** supposed to have the power to give eternal youth

**Apollo**

**Roman Name:** Apollo

**God of:** music, truth, prophecy, healing, the sun, light, plague, poetry, and more

**Parents:** Zeus and Leto

**One Fact:** twin sister=Artemis, was the patron of Delphi where his oracle was quite popular

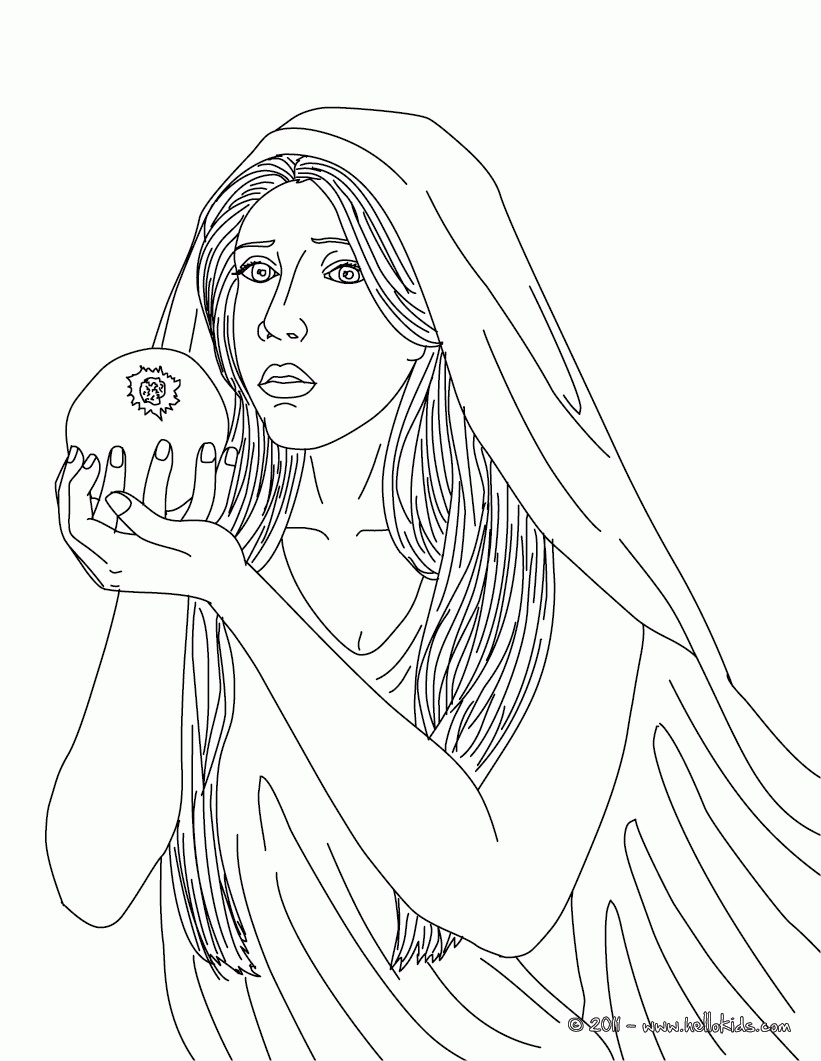
**Artemis**

**Roman Name:** Diana

**Goddess of:** the hunt, wild animals, wilderness, childbirth, virginity, protector of young girls

**Parents:** Zeus and Leto

**One Fact:** older twin sister to Apollo, the deer and the cypress are sacred to her

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**Persephone**

**Roman Name:** Proserpine

**Goddess of:** spring and vegetation

**Parents:** Zeus and Demeter

**Spouse:** Hades

**One Fact:** Her marriage to Hades serves as the origin story for seasons

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**Hermes**

**Roman Name:** Mercury

**God of:** messengers, boundaries/transgression of boundaries, patron of herdsmen, thieves, graves, and heralds.

**Parents:** Zeus and Maia

**One Fact:** his main symbol is the caduceus

**Dionysus**

**Roman Name:** Bacchus

**God of:** vine and wine

**Parents:** Zeus and a mortal woman

**One Fact:** he is a two sided god: gentle planter vs violent partier

**Eros**

**Roman Name:** Cupid

**God of:** love, passion, and fertility

**Parents:** Aphrodite (dad was either Zeus, Ares, or Hermes)

**One Fact:** had arrows that made people fall in love

**Pan**

**God of:** woodlands and shepherds

**Parents:** Hermes and a nymph

**One Fact:** plays reed pipes made from a transformed nymph he once loved

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**The Fates**

**Fate 1:** spins the thread of life

**Fate 2:** measures out its length

**Fate 3:** cuts the thread loose

**The Erinyes**

**Roman Name:** the Furies

**One Fact:** job is to torment people who murder a family member

**Chiron**

**What is he?** A centaur

**One Fact:** trained many Greek heroes.

**King Aeolus**

Lord of the winds

**Charybdis**

Gigantic whirlpool that sucks ships down to their doom

**Scylla**

A many headed monster that lives attached to a rock in the middle of the ocean

**The Muses**

Nine eternal creatures that inspire every form of art

**Pegasus**

Winged horse that sprang from the blood of Medusa

**Harpies**

Beasts with the head of a woman and the body of a bird

**Helios**

God of the sun, drives his glowing chariot across the sky every day

**Iris**

**Goddess of:** the rainbow

**One Fact:** the secondary messenger of the gods

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**Nymphs**

**What are they?** Spirits of nature

**Dryads:** tree spirits

**Naiads:** spirits of the rivers and oceans

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**Cerberus**

**What is he?**

Three headed hell hound of the underworld

**Charon**

Aged boatman of the underworld, took money to ferry souls across