

Greek Mythology Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

- 18 Greek mythology fact cards (pages 2–6)
- Greek mythology questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the Greek mythology questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 Greek mythology fact cards around your classroom where students will be



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Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other. You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



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Greek Mythology

Fact Card

1

Zeus was king of the gods. He controlled lightning, law, and order. He also had many children. Depending on which stories you listen to, up to 8 of the 12 Olympians are his kids!



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Fact Card

2



Aphrodite, Hera, and Athena argued about who was prettiest. A man named Paris was asked to judge them. Aphrodite gave him



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Mythology

3



Artemis was Apollo's twin. She's linked to the moon, the protection of kids and nature, and hunting. Many myths praise her hunting skills. A number of them say she put the hunter Orion in the sky as stars.

Mythology

4



Hades's underworld held more than dead souls. He's also associated with things like gems, and therefore wealth. But he's not the god of wealth. That's Plutus. (Just don't confuse Plutus with Pluto, which is another name for Hades!)



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Fact Card

5



Hestia controlled life-giving fires in homes and temples. Some say she was so happy taking care of

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Fact Card

6



What do the sun, medicine, prophecy, archery, dance, truth, music, kids, and shepherds have



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Mythology

7



Poseidon was king of the sea. He was also a god of earthquakes and the creator of horses. Many myths name him the father of the famous hero Theseus, who killed the Minotaur.

Mythology

8



Heracles (a.k.a. Hercules) completed twelve labors, or hard tasks. These included killing the multi-headed Hydra, catching Artemis's prized deer, and stealing a belt from the Amazon queen.



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Fact Card

9



Aphrodite was the goddess of love and beauty, but she didn't love her husband, Hephaestus. She preferred the war god Ares. Their

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Fact Card

10



Demeter (pictured) was the most important harvest goddess. She's often shown with a cornucopia. She's also often shown carrying a torch. She used

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Mythology

11



"Don't fly too close to the sun" is a warning against pride and greed. The craftsman

Daedalus built his son Icarus wings of wax and feathers. When Icarus flew too high, they melted. He fell to his death.

Mythology

12



Hermes carried messages to other gods and souls to the underworld. He also carried a caduceus staff, which has two snakes. Don't

confuse it with the Rod of Asclepius, which only has one.



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Fact Card

13



Dionysus was a god of wine, festivals, theater, and madness! In most art he's near or wearing a

leopard. He also carries a

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Fact Card

14

The wise owl comes from Greek mythology. Athena—goddess of wisdom, war, and skilled crafts—had a nickname similar to the Greek word



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Mythology

15

Ares was a more violent war god than his sister Athena. City-states like Sparta wanted him on their side. Sometimes they built statues of him in chains. These tied him to the cities.



Mythology

16



Hera was Zeus's wife. She was the goddess of marriage and family. Beautiful peacocks with their many-eyed tails are often shown near her.

So are cuckoos, which Zeus once became to visit her.



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Fact Card

17



The Gorgons were sisters who turned people to stone with a look. Medusa was the only one who could be killed. The

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Fact Card

18



Hephaestus was a fire and smithing god. He forged things for gods and heroes. Examples include armor



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Side A

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Fact Card 1: Up to how many of the 12 Olympians were children of Zeus? _____

Fact Card 2: The Trojan War started after which three goddesses argued about beauty?

Fact Card 3: Which goddess is often said to have made the constellation Orion?



Fact Card 7: What animal was Poseidon thought to have created?

Fact Card 8: How many labors did Heracles complete? What's one example?

Fact Card 9: The word *phobia* comes from the god Phobos. Who were his parents?

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Fact Card 10: Demeter is often shown carrying a torch. What did she use it for?

Fact Card 11: Who was Icarus's father? What did he make his son?

Fact Card 12: How many snakes are on Hermes's staff? What is it called?



Fact Card 16: Which two birds are commonly linked to Hera?

Fact Card 17: Who did Perseus give Medusa's head to? Where did she put it?

Fact Card 18: What are two examples of things Hephaestus forged?

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Aphrodite, Hera, and Athena

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queen's belt

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Aphrodite and Ares

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to search for her kidnapped daughter, Persephone

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Daedalus: wings made of wax and feathers

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accept any two: Achilles's armor, Apollo's/Artemis's arrows, Zeus's thunderbolts