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Hades



When brothers Hades, Poseidon, and Zeus divided the cosmos to rule, Hades became king of the underworld. He was god of the dead and ruler of everything under the earth, including gems and gold. He's commonly associated with symbols like his two-headed spear, dogs, keys, mint, and pomegranates.

Hades was the oldest son of Cronus and Rhea's six children. Unlike most Greek deities, he was largely faithful to his wife Persephone, goddess of spring. He fathered only a couple obscure children. His three-headed dog Cerberus is much more



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2. How was Hades's marriage different from most gods' marriages?

3. One meaning of Pluto is "Wealthy One." Why is this appropriate?

4. What does *obscure* mean in this context?

- a. vague b. blurry c. hidden d. not well-known

5. Why did people fear Hades if he was not evil?

ANSWER KEY

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5. Why did people fear Hades if he was not evil?

Answers may vary: They were afraid of the underworld/death.
