

Greek Mythological Characters

1	<u>Achilles</u>	Hero and best fighter in the Trojan War; part god	19	<u>Hercules</u> (Heracles)	Hero who completed many difficult tasks
2	<u>Aphrodite</u>	Goddess of Love, Mother of Cupid	20	<u>Hermes</u> (Mercury)	Messenger god; trickster
3	<u>Apollo</u>	God of Music, Light, Reason; Artemis's twin brother	21	<u>Jason</u> (and the Golden Fleece)	Hero who leaves his first wife (Medea); results in the murder of his children and second wife
4	<u>Arachne</u>	Woman turned into a spider for challenging Athena	22	<u>Midas</u> (Midas touch)	King who values riches and gets the gift of turning everything he touches to gold
5	<u>Ares</u> (Mars)	God of War	23	<u>Oedipus</u>	Accidentally kills his father and marries his mother; blinds himself
6	<u>Artemis</u> (Diana)	Goddess of the Moon and Hunt; Apollo's twin sister	24	<u>Orpheus</u> and <u>Eurydice</u>	Husband and wife; Orpheus = great musician who gets the chance to bring his wife back from the dead
7	<u>Atalanta</u>	Skilled huntress and athlete who refuses marriage and tricks her suitors	25	<u>Pan</u>	Nature god; part goat; associated with wildness and wilderness
8	<u>Athena</u> (Minerva)	Goddess of Wisdom, champion of famous heroes	26	<u>Pandora</u> (Pandora's Box)	Beautiful but very curious woman who opens a box and unleashes evil on the world
9	<u>Baucis</u> and <u>Philemon</u>	Married couple who are turned into trees	27	<u>Pegasus</u> and <u>Bellerophon</u>	Pegasus = winged horse; Bellerophon = hero, part god; kills monsters
10	<u>Daedalus</u> and <u>Icarus</u>	Father and son who try to fly	28	<u>Perseus</u> and <u>Medusa</u>	Perseus = hero and monster killer; Medusa = gorgon with snakes for hair
11	<u>Demeter</u> (Ceres) and <u>Persephone</u>	Mother and daughter who are separated by Hades, god of the underworld; reason for the seasons	29	<u>Phaethon</u> (Chariot of Fire)	Son of the sun god, Helios; drives his chariot

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12	Dionysus (Bacchus)	God of Wine and Irrationality	30	Poseidon (Neptune)	God of the sea/ocean; brother of Zeus
13	Echo and Narcissus	Woman falls in love with a man who only loves himself	31	Prometheus (Promethean)	God (Titan) who gives fire to mortals and, as punishment, is chained to a rock and has his guts eaten out by birds of prey every day
14	Eros (Cupid) and Psyche	Mortal woman marries a god (Cupid) and problems ensue	32	Pygmalion	Sculptor who falls in love with a woman he has sculpted and is rewarded when she comes to life
15	Fates (Moirae)	Three women who spin, measure and cut the thread of life; destiny/fate	33	Sisyphus (Sisyphian)	King who is punished by Hades; must roll a boulder up a mountain only to have it fall back down (repeats for eternity)
16	Furies (Erinyes)	Terrifying female creatures who meted out punishment, vengeance	34	Tantalus (tantalize)	A wealthy king punished for his evil ways by forever having what he needed (food, water) just out of his reach
17	Hephaistos (Vulcan, Hephaestus, Hephaestos)	God of fire, crafts, working with tools; husband of Aphrodite	35	Theseus (and the Minotaur)	Theseus = hero who kills the terrible bull-headed monster (Minotaur)
18	Hera (Juno)	Wife of Zeus			