

## ROMAN NAMES FOR GREEK GODS

The Romans had very little mythology of their own. They took over the Hellenic idea completely, but they did rename the Greek gods, and often the Latin names are better known. Here are both sets of names:

GREEK		ROMAN	
Zeus	King of Heaven, Ruler of the Gods.	Jupiter	Name derived from Zeus-pater, Father Zeus.
Hera	Queen of Heaven.	Juno	
Poseidon	God of the Sea.	Neptune	
Hades	God of the Under-world.	Pluto	Strictly speaking, not a Latin name but a Greek word meaning "rich"—a name chosen to flatter a dangerous god. It is in this mood that those fearsome flying crowns, the Furies, Hades' helpers, were called the <i>Erinyides</i> , or <i>Kindly Ones</i> .
Athene	Goddess of Wisdom.	Minerva	
Artemis	Moon-goddess, Queen of the Chase.	Diane	
Apollo	The Sun-god.	Phoebus	Actually adapted from a Greek word meaning "bright."
Demeter	Mother of Crops.	Ceres	
Ares	God of War.	Mars	
Hermes	The Messenger-god, Patron of travelers, gamblers, thieves.	Mercury	
Hephaestus	The Smith-god.	Vulcan	
Cronos	Father of the Gods.	Saturn	
Rhea	Mother of the Gods.	Cybele	
Persephone	Queen of the Under-world.	Proserpina	
Hestia	Goddess of the Hearth.	Vesta	
Nemesis	Goddess of Luck and Vengeance.	Fortuna	