

*Nil agendo homines male agere discunt .<sup>1</sup>*

## Literature 26



The Romans largely took over the mythology of the ancient Greeks but they generally changed the names of the gods and goddesses, perhaps to fit in with their own earlier mythology. Here is a quiz on the classical deities. How many of the blanks can you fill in? Answers on the last page.

GREEK NAME	ROMAN NAME	ROLE
Zeus		King of the Gods
Hera	Juno	
Poseidon		God of the Sea
Cronus	Saturn	
Aphrodite		Goddess of Love
Hades	Hades	
Hephaestus	Vulcan	
Demeter		Goddess of the Harvest
Apollo	Apollo	
	Minerva	Goddess of Wisdom
Artemis		Goddess of the Hunt
Ares		God of War
Hermes	Mercury	
Dionysus	Bacchus	
Persephone	Proserpine	
	Cupid	God of Love
Gaia	Terra	
Hypnos	Somnus	
Rhea	Ops	Mother of Zeus / Wife of Cronus
Uranus	Uranus	Father of the Titans
Nike	Victoria	
Eos		Goddess of the Dawn
Pan	Faunus	
Selene		Goddess of the Moon
Helios		God of the Sun
Heracles		Son of Zeus

<sup>1</sup> In doing nothing men learn to do evil. Columella.

Answers:

GREEK NAME	ROMAN NAME	ROLE
Zeus	Jupiter	King of the Gods
Hera	Juno	Goddess of Marriage
Poseidon	Neptune	God of the Sea
Cronus	Saturn	God of Time, Youngest son of Uranus, Father of Zeus
Aphrodite	Venus	Goddess of Love
Hades	Hades	God of the Underworld
Hephaestus	Vulcan	God of the Forge
Demeter	Ceres	Goddess of the Harvest
Apollo	Apollo	God of Music and Medicine
Athena	Minerva	Goddess of Wisdom
Artemis	Diana	Goddess of the Hunt
Ares	Mars	God of War
Hermes	Mercury	Messenger of the Gods
Dionysus	Bacchus	God of Wine
Persephone	Proserpine	Goddess of the Underworld
Eros	Cupid	God of Love
Gaia	Terra	Goddess of Earth
Hypnos	Somnus	God of Sleep
Rhea	Ops	Mother of Zeus / Wife of Cronus
Uranus	Uranus	Father of the Titans
Nike	Victoria	Goddess of victory
Eos	Aurora	Goddess of the Dawn
Pan	Faunus	God of shepherds
Selene	Luna	Goddess of the Moon
Helios	Sol	God of the Sun
Heracles	Hercules	Son of Zeus