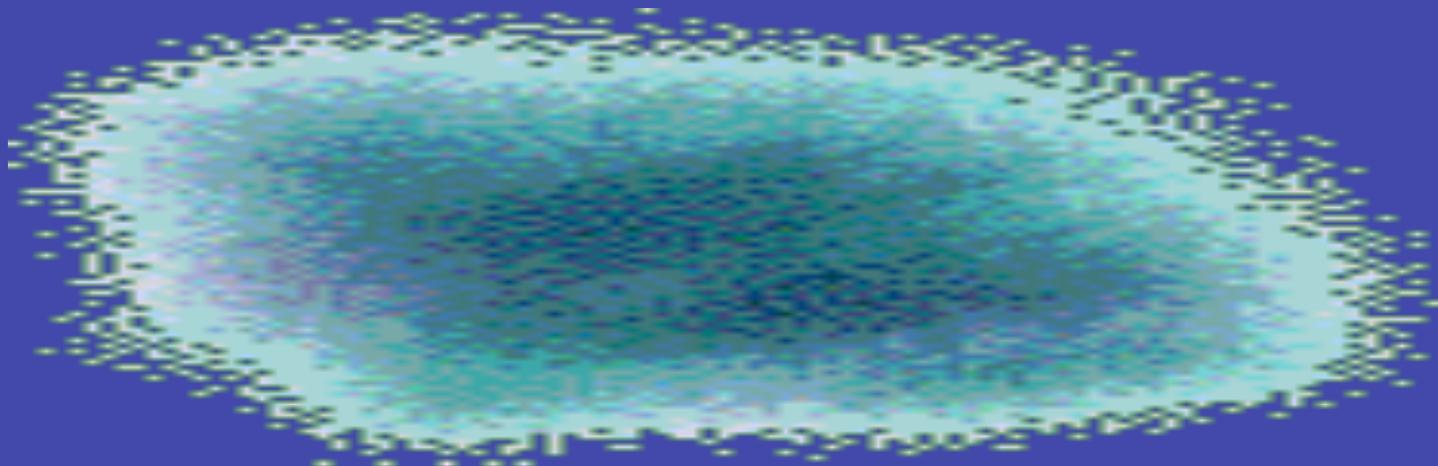


In the beginning...

...there was chaos



And out of chaos....

Gaea, Mother Earth, was created



And Gaea gave birth to
Uranus, the sky



Uranus rained down on Gaea...

And plants, animals, and rivers appeared



Gaea and Uranus had many children.....

Their first born were the twelve Giant Titans, six boys and six girls.



Uranus hated the Cyclops and the Hecatoncheires, because they were ugly



- And he threw them into Tartarus – the deepest pit of the underworld.



Gaea was furious. She urged the Titans to overthrow their father and rescue their brothers in Tartarus.



Only Cronus, the youngest , was
brave enough.



- He attacked Uranus with a sickle and banished him from earth.
- Cronus replaced his father as Lord of the Universe. But he was cruel and did not free his brothers from Tartarus.
- Cronus married his sister, Rhea,
- and they had many children.

Cronus was afraid that one of his own children might overthrow him just as he had overthrown his father.

- So as each child was born, he swallowed it whole. (Remember he was a giant Titan and his children were much smaller.)
- Also the children were gods (immortals) so they could not die. They remained alive and grew inside his stomach. (Imagine the indigestion.)



Zeus grew into one of the strongest gods and Rhea, his mother, wanted him to overthrow Cronus. Rhea gave Cronus a drink that



made him throw up the stone and his unharmed children – among those were: Hestia, Demeter, Hera, Hades, and Poseidon.

For ten years a **war** raged between the old gods (Titans) and the new gods (Olympians). At last Cronus and the Titans were defeated and thrown into Tartarus to be guarded by their own hundred-armed brother.



The universe was divided among
the three brothers.

Zeus was King of the gods and
heaven and earth.

Poseidon became god of the seas.

And

Hades became god of the
underworld.

Zeus, Jupiter

- King of the gods
- Women loved him and he loved them.
- Symbol: Lightning bolt

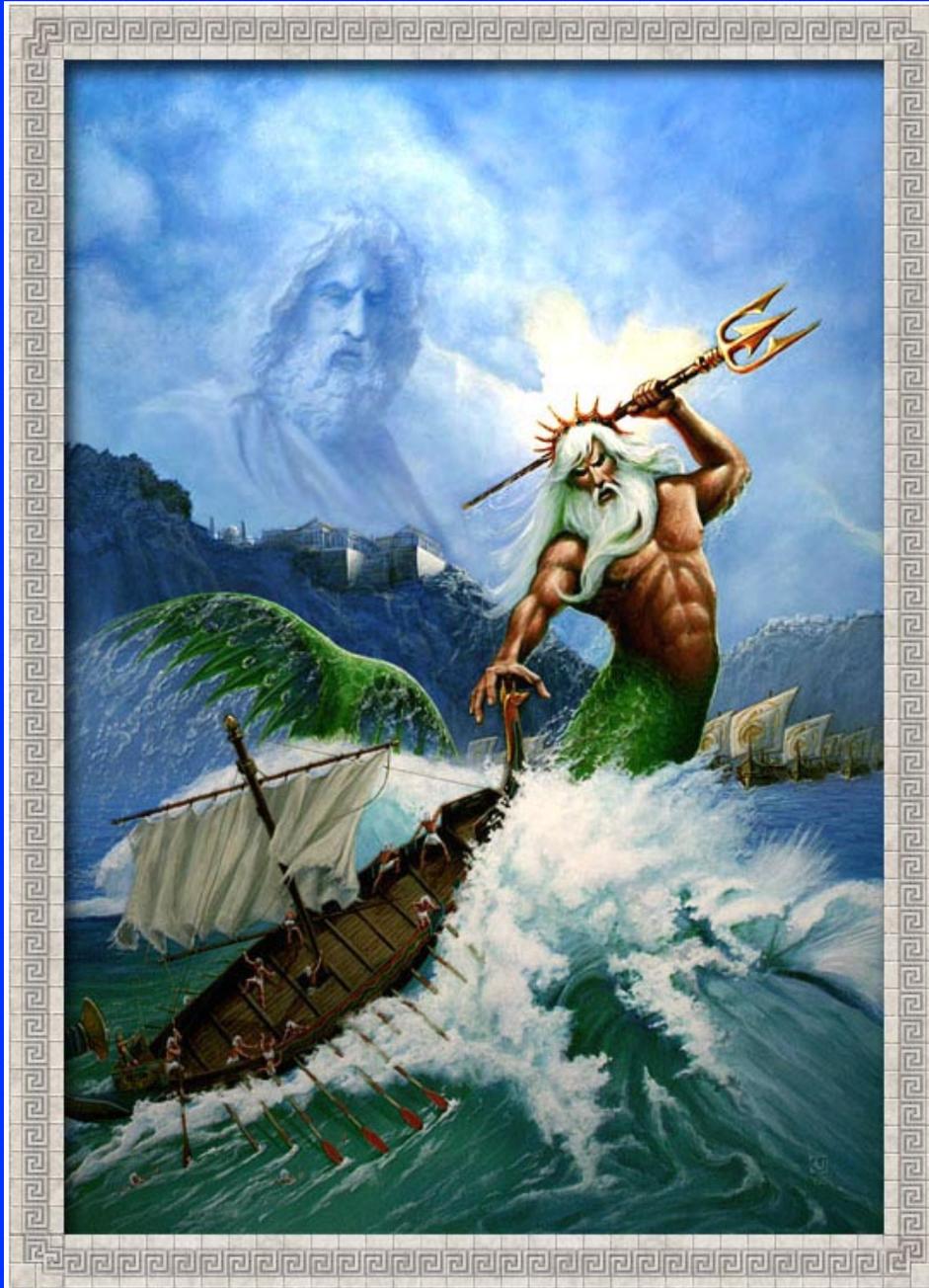




Hera, queen of the gods

Hera, Juno

- Queen of the gods
- Goddess of the family
- **Symbol:**
pomegranate
(symbol of fertility)



Poseidon, Neptune

- Ruler of the sea
- Responsible for natural and supernatural events
- Symbol: Trident

Hades, Pluto

- Supreme ruler of the underworld
- God of the dead
- Symbol: Helmet (helped him stay invincible)





Mt. Olympus

The magical kingdom of all of the
Gods and Goddess. Ruled by
Zeus!