**Characters of Greek Mythology**

1. **Zeus(Jupiter)**
   1. Also known as Lord of the Sky
   2. Supreme ruler
   3. Fell in love with one woman after another and had to hide his infidelity from his wife
2. **Hera(Juno)** Zeus's wife and sister
   1. Protector of marriage
   2. Spent most of her time punishing the many women Zeus fell in love with
3. **Poseidon(Neptune)** Ruler of the Sea
   1. Zeus's brother
   2. Gave the first horse to man
   3. Always carried a trident(three-pronged spear)
4. **Hades(Pluto)** Ruled the dead in the underworld
   1. Had a helmet that made whoever wore it invisible
   2. Rarely left the underworld
5. Pallas **Athena**(Minevra)
   1. Daughter of Zeus (no mother)
   2. Protector of civilized life
   3. Zeus's favorite child
6. Phoebus **Apollo** 
   1. Archer god
   2. Son of Zeus and Leto
   3. Never lies
7. **Artemis**(Diana)
   1. Daughter of Zeus and Leto
   2. Apollo's twin sister
8. **Aphrodite**(Venus)
   1. Goddess of Love and Beauty
   2. Brings beauty wherever she goes
9. **Hermes**(Mercury)
   1. Divine Herald
   2. Son of Zeus and Maia
   3. Swift and fast
   4. Zeus's messenger
   5. Wings on sandals and on low-crowned hat
   6. Shrewdest and most cunning of all
   7. Solemn guide of the dead
10. **Centaurs** 
    1. Half men, half horse
11. **Eros**(Cupid)
    1. God of Love
    2. Son of Aphrodite
    3. Mischievous
    4. Often represented as blindfolded (love is blind!)