**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!)