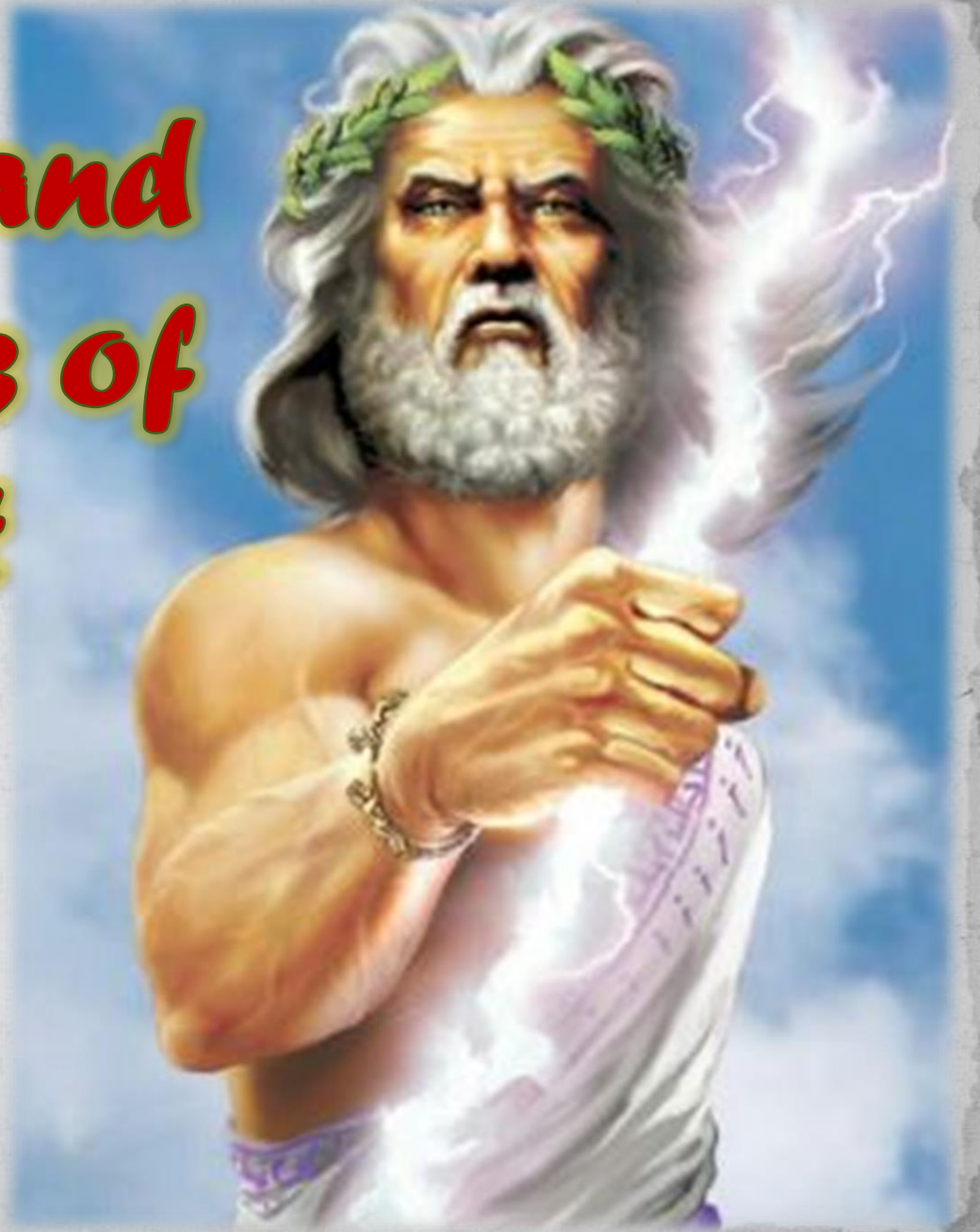


***The Gods and
Goddesses of
Ancient
Greece***



Essential Question:

**HOW DID
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PLAY A
CENTRAL ROLE
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HOW DID THE GREEK GODS BEGIN?

In the Beginning there was only
CHAOS

- From this swirling CHAOS came GAEA,
the EARTH
- From Gaea sprang the sky (Ouranos),
the mountains (Ourea), and the sea
(Oceanus)
- Soon, Gaea and OURANOS fell in love,
together they would have many children

(1-2a)

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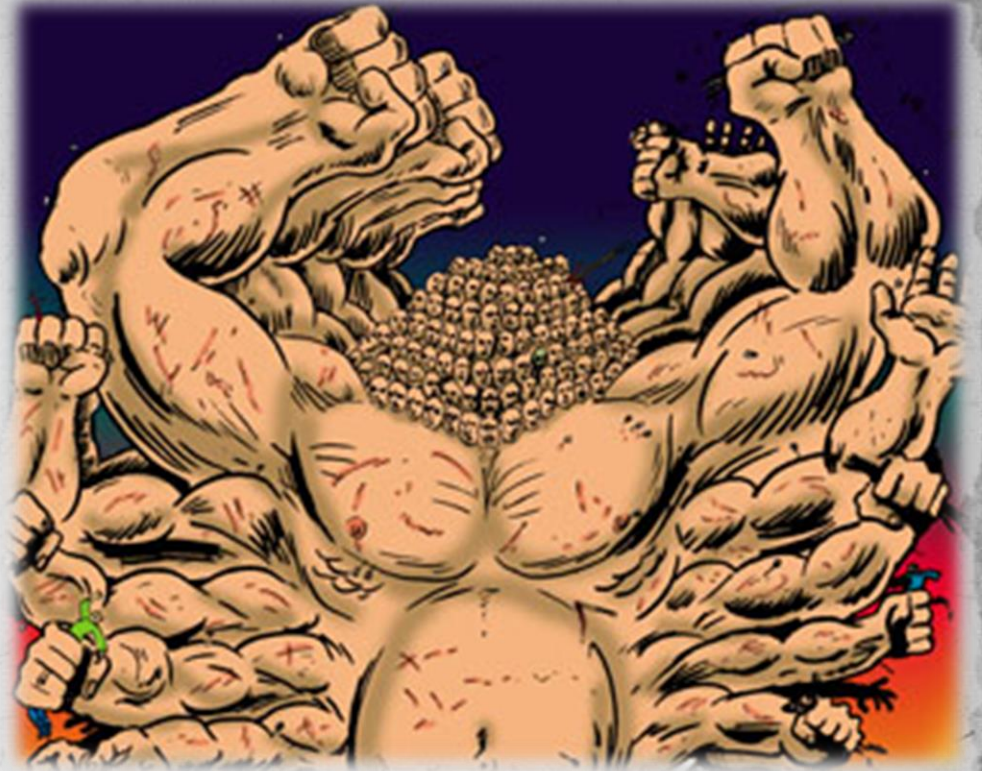
WHO WERE THE FIRST GREEK GODS?

- The first children that Gaea gave birth to were the **TITANS**, they were large and powerful
- Earth and Sky were proud of their children
- There were six titans, taller than the mountains, they had six sisters, whom they **MARRIED**





- When Gaea next gave birth, she and Ouranos were not **HAPPY**
- Their next set of children were huge and hideous, they each had only one eye and were known as the **CYCLOPES**
- They were named lightning, thunder, and thunderbolt
- Sparks lit up the sky when they struck their heavy hammers



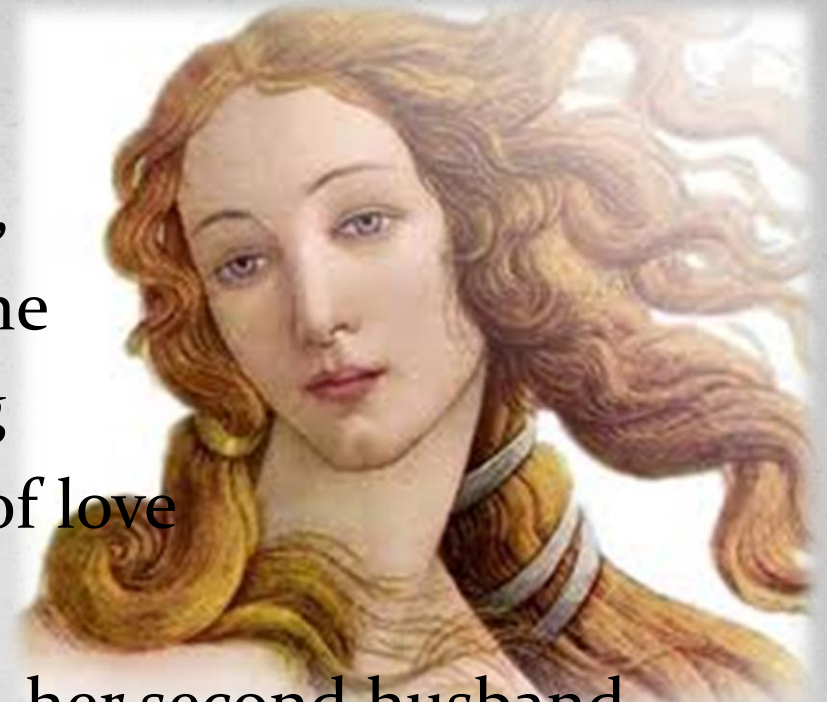
- The last three children that Mother Earth bore were the **WORST**
- These creatures had fifty heads and one hundred strong arms each
- They were terribly **UGLY**.
- Father Sky hated them

(4a-4b)

- Father Sky **BANISHED** his hideous children to the darkest pit in the world, the trench of Tartarus
- Mother Earth was **FURIOUS** with her husband, she created a sickle and spoke to the Titans
- She wanted them to **KILL** Ouranos and free their brothers from Tartarus
- They were all terrified, except for one, the youngest titan, **CRONOS**



- Ouranos gave up and was banished to the pit, but as he traveled across the ocean, his **BLOOD** mingled with the sea foam, and from it sprang **APHRODITE**, the goddess of love



- Earth made Pontus, the seas, her second husband, their union caused plants to grow and beasts to appear on the Earth



- Cronos was the new leader of the **UNIVERSE**
- All the other gods and men worshipped him
- He married his sister, **RHEA**
- This was the Golden Age of man, all was peaceful
- But Cronos did not set his monstrous brothers free, and his mother, Gaea, was angry with him
- She warned her son that one of his sons would **OVERTHROW** him



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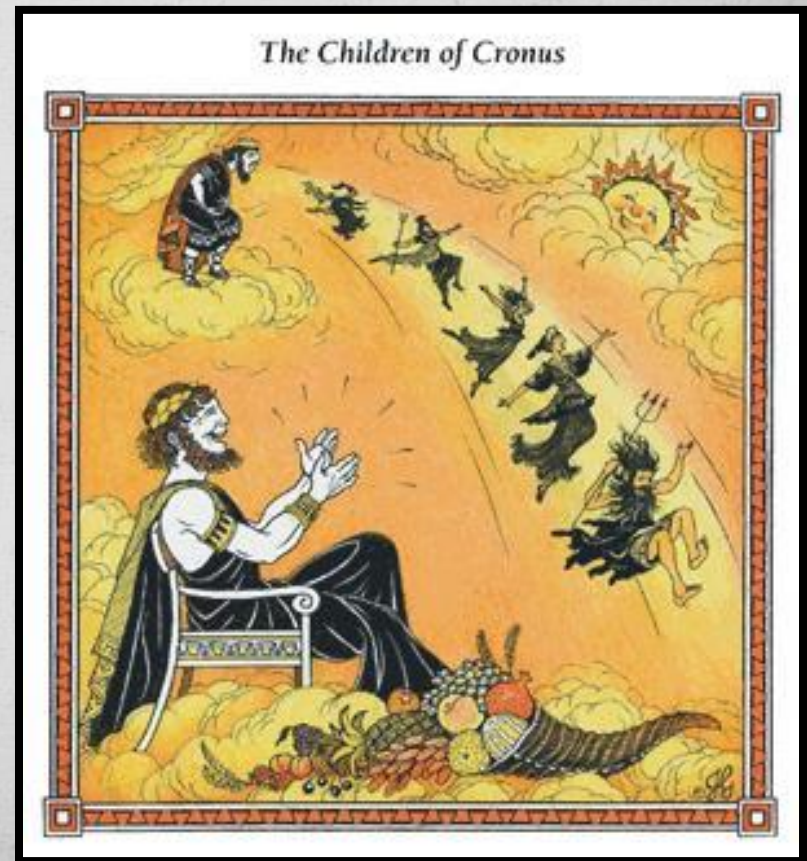


DESCRIBE THE WAR OF THE GREEK GODS.

- Terrified of losing his power, Cronos **ATE** all of the children that Rhea bore to him
- Until one day, Rhea tricked him, as soon as her son, Zeus, was born, she hid him away in a cave and brought a **ROCK** wrapped in cloth to her husband
- Cronos swallowed the rock whole, thinking it was the baby



- Zeus grew quickly and soon took a wife, Metis, a daughter of a Titan
- Metis tricked Cronos into drinking a magic potion that made him **VOMIT** up the stone and all the children he had swallowed
- These were the brothers and **SISTERS** of Zeus
- They were the gods Hades and Poseidon, and the goddesses Hestia, Demeter, and Hera
- Cronos was terrified, he gave up his powers and **FLED**



- Although Cronos was now defeated, his brothers, the Titans, fought back against Zeus and his siblings
- Zeus **FREED** the terrible monsters from Tartaros, and they fought for him
- Zeus imprisoned the Titans in the pit **TARTAROS**, and left the terrible Cyclopes and monsters to guard them there

(10)



- Mother Earth was angry with Zeus for locking up the Titans
- She warned that if Zeus's wife, Metes, were to have a son, he would **OVERTHROW** Zeus, much like Zeus had done to his father
- Terrified, Zeus tricked his wife into transforming into a **FLY**, then he swallowed her
- Zeus began to suffer from a terrible **HEADACHE**, he had the god Hephaestus, crack open his skull
- Out popped the goddess **ATHENA**, the goddess of wisdom, fully dressed and grown

(11-12)



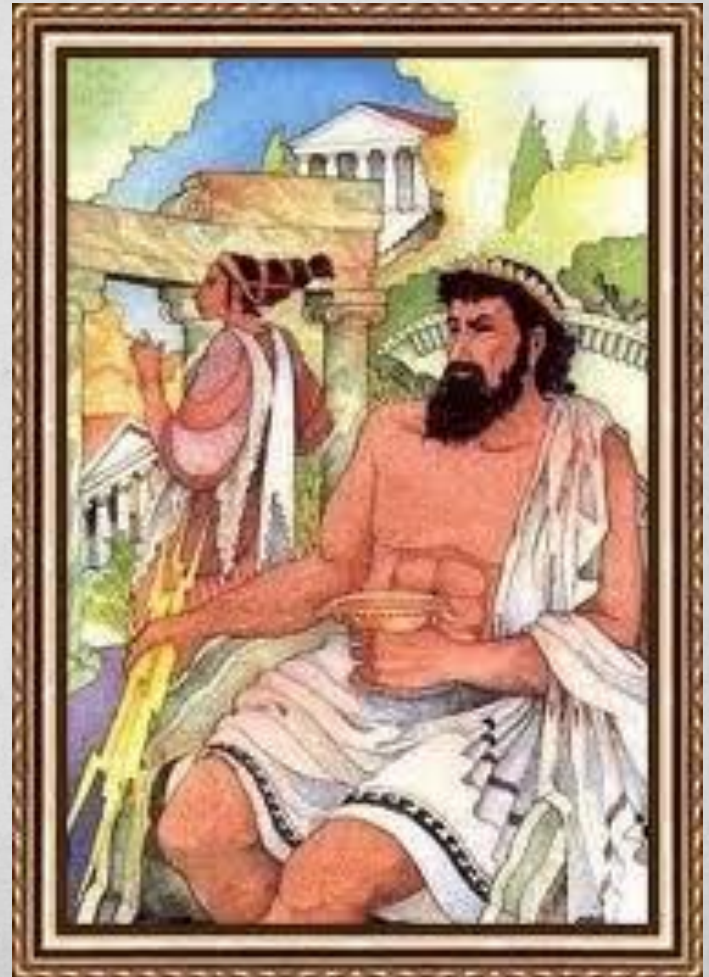
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WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE GREEK FAMILY OF GODS?

- Zeus was the **KING** of the gods,
he shared his power with his
siblings and children
- Hera, Zeus's sister and wife
and **QUEEN**, was god of
women and childbirth

(13a-13b)



- Aphrodite was the goddess of LOVE and beauty
- Athena was the goddess of WISDOM
- Poseidon was the Lord of the OCEAN



(13C-14)

- Ares was the god of WAR
- Hephaestus was the god of FIRE



- Hades was the god of the DEAD, he rarely left the underworld





☞ Hermes was the messenger of the gods



- Demeter was the goddess of the **HARVEST**

Dionysus, the god of **WINE**



- Apollo was the god of **LIGHT** and music



Artemis was the goddess of the **HUNT**

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