


# THE TRUTH ABOUT THE GREEK GODS AND GODDESSES.

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Mount Olympus was  
the home of the Greek  
gods and goddesses.

The ancient Greeks needed the gods and goddesses and the ancient Greeks would not have known what to do without them.

You are standing in a Greek temple. The wind is whipping around your chiton or toga. All around you people are giving sacrifices to the Greek gods and goddesses. People are praying to the gods. The Greeks need the gods and goddesses to help them and to explain the world around them.

The reason why the ancient Greeks needed the Greek gods was because they needed the gods and goddesses to explain why things happened. Another reason is the ancient Greeks needed the gods and

goddesses to explain the world around them, to explain why things happened to them and others, and where living things came from. The ancient Greeks did not know ANYTHING about the world.

The ancient Greeks needed a explanation for why things happened around them, so the ancient Greeks came up with the idea of the Greek gods and goddesses to explain those things. All the Greek gods and goddesses helped explain how human kind was created. For example, Zeus helped



**All of the Greek gods and goddesses were also Roman gods and goddesses. The Roman gods and goddesses lived on a mountain in Rome.**

explain thunder and lightning. Poseidon helped explain earthquakes, water and why people drowned. Hades helped explain death and the afterlife. Aphrodite and her son Eros (also known as Cupid) helped explain why people fell in love and got married. Apollo helped explain why there was the sun. Ares helped explain why war happened. Dionus helped explain how wine was created. Hephtaus helped explain why volcanoes erupted. Hermes helped explain how souls went to the underworld. Demeter helped explain how the first mortals got their food. Athena helped explain why some people were wiser than other people. Back then, since most people died trying to get to the palace of the gods and goddesses, the legend had never been proven wrong. Still today, Greeks believe in the Greek gods and goddesses.

Even thousands of years later, people are praying and are giving sacrifices to the gods and goddesses. The Greeks made very good characters for their gods and goddesses. The gods and goddesses were like people, just they had powers and they were immortal. For example, Poseidon could hold a grudge for a long time (since he was immortal)! Also, Zeus married a lot! The Romans had a very different idea of the gods and goddesses. But that's a different story for another day.