

# Ancient Voices

## Worksheet for Latin Classes



### Greco-Roman Gods and Goddesses, Symbols and Emblems

Select a god or goddess from the table below and on the back of this handout draw the design for a mask, incorporating into your mask design a few of your chosen character's symbols and emblems. There are many creative ways to use symbols and emblems, which add interest to a mask and help identify the character represented.

Name	Symbols and Emblems, Identifying Characteristics
<b>ZEUS/JUPITER</b>	All royal symbols, such as crowns and scepters, and the colors gold and purple; also, the lightning bolt (his weapon) the golden eagle and the oak tree.
<b>HERA/JUNO</b>	Same royal symbols as her husband, Zeus; also, the golden cuckoo, peacock, lion and cow (symbol of motherhood).
<b>POSEIDON/ NEPTUNE</b>	All symbols of the ocean, such as seashells and sea creatures, coral, mother-of-pearl, and the colors gray, blue and green; also, the trident (his weapon) and the horse.
<b>HADES/PLUTO</b>	Helmet of Darkness, which made him invisible; Cerberus, his three-headed guard dog; a two-pronged, fork-like staff or scepter; a large key; the cypress tree and the narcissus flower.
<b>DEMETER/CERES</b>	All colors and symbols of the harvest, such as various fruit, sheaves of wheat, and all shades of green, gold and russet (reddish-brown); also, piglets (her good-luck emblem) and poppies.
<b>HEPHAESTUS/ VULCAN</b>	Fire, and every kind of metal, blacksmith tongs and hammer; also, the quail, a bird that does a hobbling dance in the springtime.
<b>ATHENA/MINERVA</b>	The owl, olive tree and the colors white and silver; also, her helmet and breastplate (emblazoned with the head of a snake-haired gorgon).
<b>APHRODITE/VENUS</b>	Ocean colors, scallop seashells, pearls and green-colored gemstones; also, the dove and the myrtle tree.
<b>ARES/MARS</b>	Wild boar and bloodstained spear, also the woodpecker and the vulture.
<b>APOLLO</b>	Sun and lyre (ancient musical instrument); also, bow and arrow, serpent (ancient wisdom symbol) and mouse (also wisdom symbol).
<b>ARTEMIS/DIANA</b>	New moon, bow and arrow and she-bear (the most dangerous wild animal in ancient Greece).
<b>HERMES/MERCURY</b>	Winged helmet and sandals (symbols of his swift-thinking and swift-footedness); the caduceus, his staff with either two ribbons or two snakes twined around it; also, the crane.
<b>DIONYSUS/ ACCHUS</b>	Ivy wreath, grape vines and clusters of grapes; the thyrsus, a wand made from a fennel stalk twined with ivy and topped with a pinecone; also, the tiger.
<b>HESTIA/VESTA</b>	Fire and hearth.