

ZEUS

King of gods

Facts

- God of sky + thunder
- Controlled the weather
- Powers – hurled lightening bolts
- Hated dishonesty
- Punished those that lied or broke promises
- Cyclops made him a thunderbolt that blasted Cronus (Father)



Father

- Cronus – a cruel giant who tried to eat Zeus when he was born
- He ate his children as he was warned that he would be dethroned by his son
- Cronus's wife had enough of her sons being eaten so she tricked Cronus by making him eat a rock



Wife

- Hera- queen of gods
- Goddess of women, marriage and family
- Temples built after her
- Sacred animals – cow, lion + peacock



Siblings

- Poseidon and Hades
- Hades was lord of the underworld ruling over the dead
- Poseidon was God of the sea (and water generally)
- Poseidon hated Zeus for taking over Mount Olympus