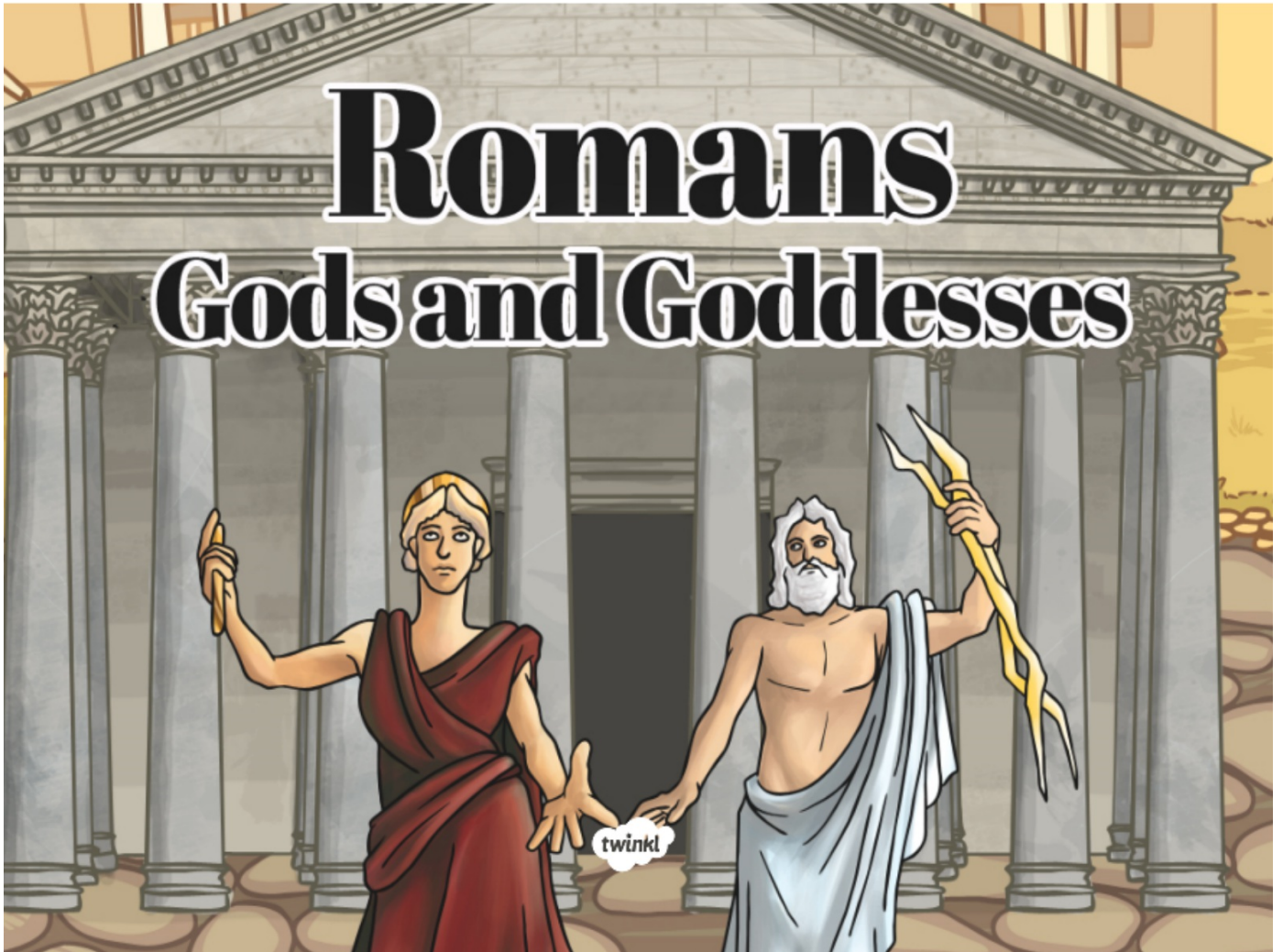
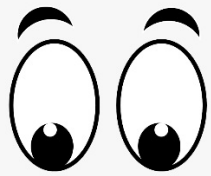


Romans Gods and Goddesses





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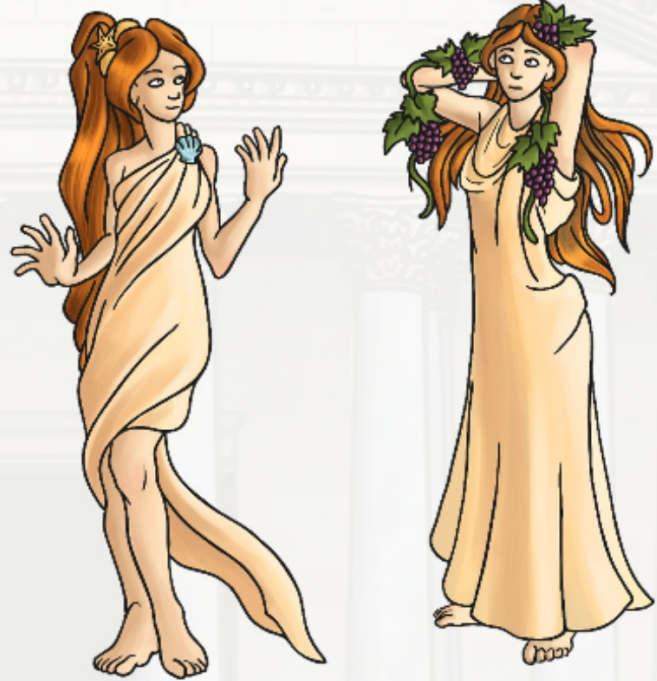
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Roman Gods and Goddesses

The Romans had lots of gods and goddesses. Many of their gods and goddesses are the same as the Greek gods, but with different names. They make things very confusing! We are going to look at some of the more popular **Roman** gods and goddesses and the names that the Romans knew them by.





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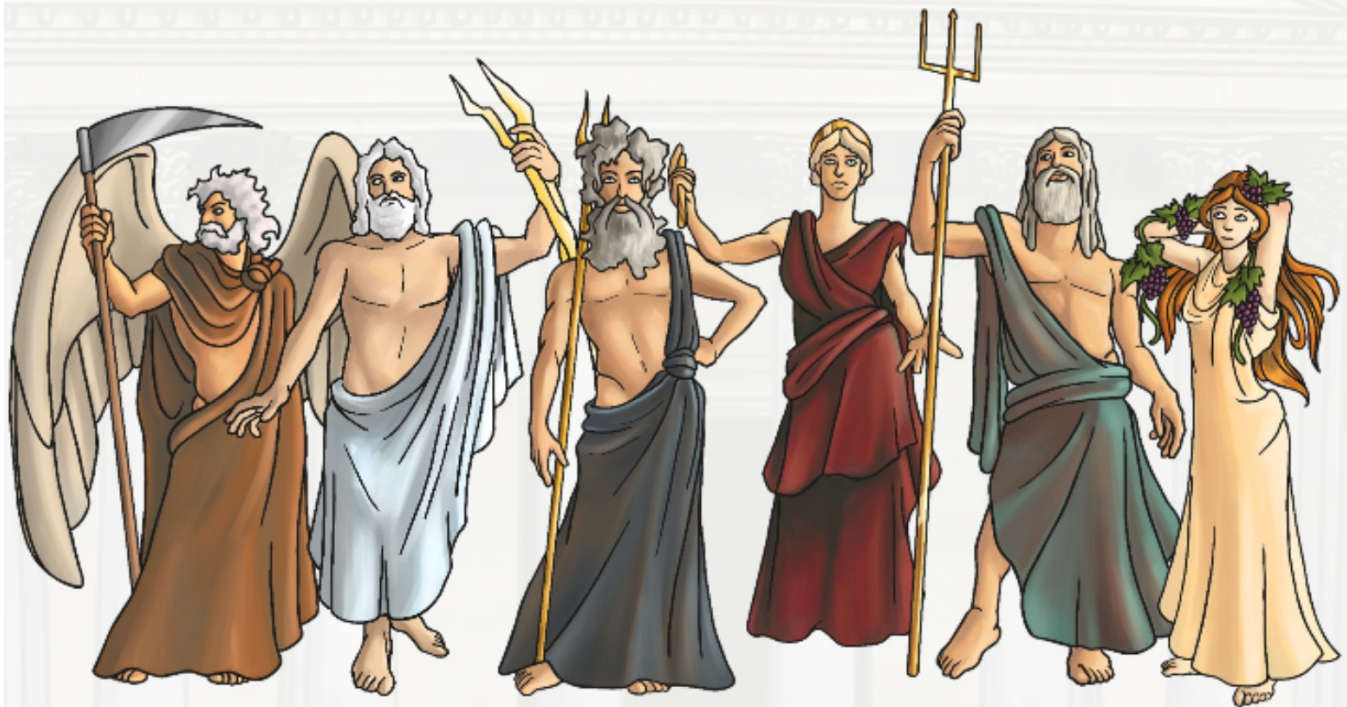
A Goddess is female

A God is male

Roman God	God/Goddess of...
Saturn	God of Time
Jupiter	King of the Gods
Juno	Queen of the Gods
Neptune	God of the Sea
Pluto	God of the Underworld
Minerva	Goddess of Wisdom
Mars	God of War
Venus	Goddess of Love
Mercury	Messenger to the Gods
Apollo	God of the Sun
Diana	Goddess of the Moon
Cupid	God of Love

Gods and Goddesses Details

Now let's have a closer look at some of the Roman gods and goddesses.



Saturn: God of Time

Father of Jupiter, Pluto, Neptune, Juno, Ceres and Vesta.

Married to Ops, Mother Goddess.

- Saturn was the first **King of the Gods**. When he died, the world was split between his three sons. Neptune ruled the seas, Pluto the underworld and Jupiter the skies/heavens.
- Saturn's weapon was a scythe.
- He is sometimes called **Old Father Time**.
- Saturn's children; Jupiter, Neptune and Pluto represent air, water and death; the three things time cannot kill.
- He used to be known as the god of agriculture, or seed sowing, but the celebration of the **Saturnalia** festival in December each year led him to being associated with time.
- The Saturnalia festival lasted 7 days and was similar to our Christmas today.



Jupiter: King of the Gods and Heavens

Son of Saturn

Brother of Pluto and Neptune

Married to Juno, who was also his sister

- Jupiter was the most powerful god. His name means 'Father Jove'.
- He rode a winged horse called **Pegasus**, who carried the thunderbolts that Jupiter used as weapons.
- He had an **eagle** as his messenger.
- Jupiter had 12 gods as his special advisors.
- He had many children, all of whom had special powers.
- Jupiter could shape-shift (make his body look like something else e.g. an animal and throw his voice).

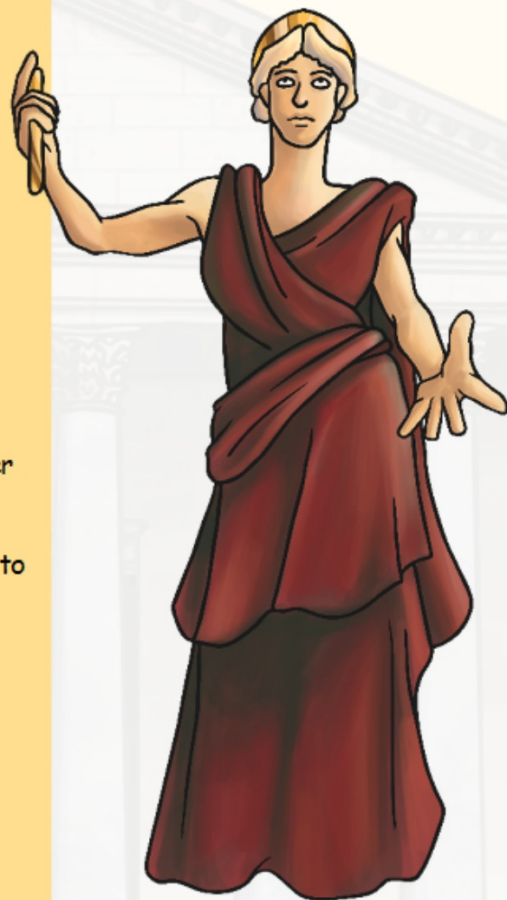


Juno: Queen of the Gods

Married to Jupiter

Mother of Mars, Natio, Juventa and Vulcan

- Juno was the beloved Goddess of marriage, worshipped as a housewife, mother and matron.
- Although Juno watched over all Roman women, her special concern was Roman **married** women.
- There was a festival every year on the 1st March to honour Juno.



Neptune: God of the Seas

Brother of Jupiter and Pluto

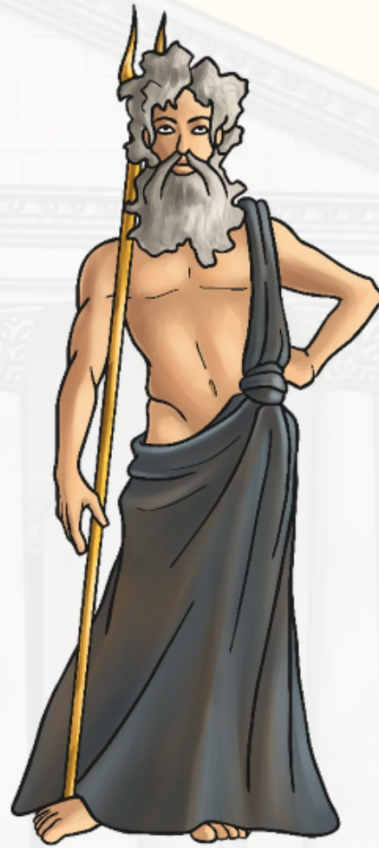
- In mythology, Neptune is sometimes depicted with deep blue eyes and green hair.
- His weapon was a **trident**, which had three prongs.
- He rode a dolphin or a horse.
- Neptune was very powerful, people were very scared of him.
- He had very bad moods and this would affect the seas. Angry seas were dangerous, so people brought gifts to the temple to try and please him.
- Neptune was also the god of earthquakes, known as the **Earth-Shaker**.



Pluto: God of the Underworld

Brother of Jupiter and Neptune

- Pluto ran the underworld.
- The Underworld was where Romans believed your soul went when you died. If you were good, you would go to a nice part of the underworld. However, if you were bad, then it wasn't very pleasant.
- Pluto had a golden chariot.
- He had a helmet that would make you invisible.
- He had a three-headed dog called Cerberus.



Venus: Goddess of Love and Beauty

- According to myth, Venus was born from sea foam.
- She represents water, essential to life and contrasting with Vulcan and Mars who were gods of fire and war.
- She was very beautiful and many statues and paintings of her were made.
- Her sign was a rose.
- She started the Trojan War, but not deliberately.




Your task: To make a set of Roman God/Goddess top trump Cards.



These are my first two:

Name: <u>Venus</u>	
What God/Goddess they are: <u>Goddess of love and beauty</u>	
	
Power 8	Skills 7
Weapon 6	Importance 6

Can make anyone fall in love.

Name: <u>Saturn</u>	
What God/Goddess they are: <u>God of time</u>	
	
Power 10	Skills 10
Weapon 8	Importance 9

Can control time.

*freeze time
rewind time
fast forward time*

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