

Greek Mythology Vocabulary

Be sure to copy these words and definitions into your literature notebook.

Outline #3

1. Chaos – 1st element
2. Primordial – 1st deities fully formed at creation
3. Nyx – goddess of night
4. Erebus – god of darkness
5. Eros – god of youth and desire; perpetual young (Romans – Cupid)
6. Tartarus – place of punishment
7. Gaea – Mother Earth
8. Uranus – Father Sky – 1st ruler
9. Pontus – God of Sea - Water
10. Hecatoncheires – 50 heads and 100 hands; 3 brothers
11. Cyclopes – wheel-eyed giants; first blacksmiths; 3 brothers
12. Titans – powerful ones; 12 – 6 boys and 6 girls
13. Deceit - dishonest
14. Scythe – sickle used for harvest
15. Aphrodite – goddess of love and beauty
16. Erinyes (Furies) – the Furious Ones; haunt sinners; 3 sisters
17. Avenge – seek punishment for a wrong committed
18. Gigantes – Giants with serpent feet and great strength; not immortal
19. Cronus – Father Time; Supreme Ruler when he weakens his father
20. Rhea – Sister/Wife of Cronus; fertility
21. Oceanus – god of Water
22. Hyperion – god of Light; father of Sun
23. Themis – goddess of Justice
24. Iapetus – father of Prometheus, Epimetheus, and Atlas