



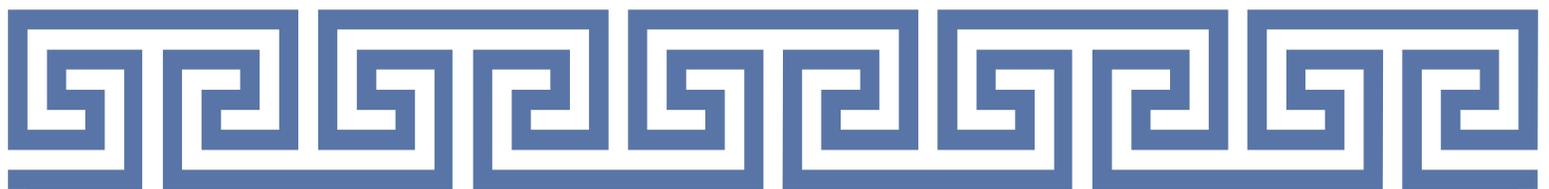
GREEK FIGURES

TRADING CARDS

<p>GREEK GOD</p> <hr/> <p>ILLUSTRATION</p> <p>FAMOUS FOR</p>	<p>GREEK GOD/GODDESS</p> <hr/> <hr/> <p>PARENTS:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>FAMOUS FOR:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>GOD/GODDESS OF:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>CHARACTER TRAITS:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>POWERS/SYMBOL:</p> <p>FAST FACTS:</p>
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CARD FRONT

CARD BACK



GREEK MYTHS

ALLUSIONS

MYTHOLOGICAL ALLUSION	MEANING	ORIGIN
Achilles' heel	Weakness	Achilles's mother dipped him in the river Styx to make him invincible but missed his heel, which was his only mortal spot (a wound at that spot eventually killed him).
Herculean feat	Something very difficult to accomplish	Zeus's son Heracles (known to the Romans as Hercules) had to perform 12 unbelievable tasks to make up for committing a crime.
Midas touch or golden touch	Someone who easily gets what he or she wants is said to have the Midas (or golden) touch.	King Midas wished for everything he touched to turn to gold.
Trojan horse	Something, especially a gift, that is not what it appears to be	During the Trojan War, the Greeks gave a giant model horse to the Trojans; it was filled with soldiers who sneaked out of it and attacked the city.
Pandora's box	Something that when opened or examined leads to trouble	Pandora was created by Zeus as the first woman and given a box that she was never to open. She did, and by doing so let out all of the world's troubles.
The face that launched 10,000 ships	Someone who is very attractive	Helen of Troy was so beautiful that after she was kidnapped by Paris, a prince of Troy, Greece sent soldiers in 10,000 ships to rescue her.
If looks could kill	Describing an angry or unpleasant way to look at someone	Medusa was a fair maiden who was very proud of her beauty. She insulted Athena, goddess of wisdom. Athena transformed her into a hideous monster that turned anyone who looked at it to stone.



GREEK MYTHS

ALLUSIONS

Many common words we use every day stem from Greek mythology. Use the book *Gifts from the Gods*, by Lise Lunge-Larsen, and other resources listed to research the words and complete this chart.

WORD	MEANING	MYTHOLOGICAL ORIGIN
Arachnid	Spider	The story of Arachne, a weaver who challenged the goddess Athena to a contest. Even though Arachne's weaving was better than Athena's, Arachne lost because her boasting made Athena mad, so Athena turned her into a spider.
Fate		
Echo		
Muse		

