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Greek mythology names female monsters

Image: Pixabay by intographics Greek mythology offers the world a fascinating view of how things came to be, how specific nuances of human details evolved, and goddesses. Their individual stories alone consist of intriguing details that mix creation stories with fantastic elements. Whether they are fighting with each other, competing with each other, or even conniving with other lower creatures, these gods provide us with multiple levels of entertainment. The myths of various Greek heroes also serve as morality tales that teach people different lessons about life, love, war, family and everything else under the sun. Historians say that these stories may have been fictional teachings spread via folk tales, intending to teach people the elements of proper values and virtues. When gods and humans mix, that's another line of stories. And so is the interaction of various humans and other mythical creatures who aren't necessarily gods. This whole body of work really has something for everybody to enjoy. If you're familiar with these tales, heroes and godly pursuits, then open the quiz and see just how much of an expert you are in Greek mythology. Good luck! TRIVIA MEDIUM Match the Greek Mythological Figure to Their Tragic Fate 7 Minute Quiz 7 Min TRIVIA Do You Know the Role of These Ancient Greek Gods? 6 Minute Quiz 5 Min PERSONALITY What Greek Mythology? 7 Minute Quiz 5 Min PERSONALITY What Greek Mythology? 7 Minute Quiz 5 Min PERSONALITY Pretend to Be a Greek Goddess and We'll Tell You Which God You'd Defeat 5 Minute Quiz 5 Min PERSONALITY Which Ancient Greek Goddess Are You? 5 Minute Quiz 5 Min TRIVIA How Much Do You Know About the History of New Zealand? 7 Minute Quiz 7 Min PERSONALITY Can We Guess Your Least Favorite Greek God? 5 Minute Quiz 5 Min How much do you know about dinosaurs? What is an octane rating? And how do you use a proper noun? Lucky for you, HowStuffWorks Play is here to help. 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Eventually, some such works made their way into Homer's epic poems of the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey," which we now know today as the earliest written works of Western civilization. Then came Hesiod, who wrote "Theogony" and the "Works and Days," which established the likes of the origin of human suffering and sacrificial practices, the Underworld and figures like Sleep and Dreams. Afterward, writers like Plutarch adapted components of the mythology during the Roman Empire, and it seems the Western literary canon hasn't been able to shake these harrowing tales since—and who can blame them? I mean, this world contains people born to cloud mothers, epic battles between gods and mortals and monstrous creatures housed in elaborate labyrinths. Gods turn humans into flaming wheels and stalks of reeds. What's not to love? As crazy as some of these stories might seem today, the often flawed figures they present reveal an ancient people genuinely attempting to grapple with the challenges of being a human. As much as there are super-strength and divine power, there's also moral failure, jealousy and vengeance—you know, the same type of stuff we deal with today. So, how well do you know the likes of Gaia and Uranus, Zeus and Hera? You'll have to take the following quiz to find out! Don't fear; it will take a lot less time than Odysseus' journey, and you won't even encounter any three-headed monsters or cataclysmic weather events along the way. According to Greek myth, the Void or Gap characterized the beginning of the world: a dark, looming space. Eventually, three other entities emerged from the abyss: Gaea, Tartaros and Eros. From these four entities, everything else in existence sprung forth. Also called the Twelve Olympians, the most prominently featured gods in the Greek pantheon typically include Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Demeter, Athena, Apollo, Artemis, Ares, Aphrodite, Hephaestus and Hermes. Hestia was the original 12th Olympian, until she grew tired of the gods' fighting and gave up her seat to Dionysus. Cronus castrated and overthrew his own father, Uranus, in order to rule during the mythological Golden Age. When he learned that he faced a similar fate, he devoured his children Demeter, Hestia, Hera, Hades and Poseidon as soon as they were born. However, the mother, Rhea, joined forces with Gaia, Cronus' mother, to save the sixth child, Zeus, who ultimately overthrew him. Banished to exile for murdering his father-in-law, Zeus took pity on Ixion and invited him to Olympus. His pity didn't last long, though, because Ixion kept trying to seduce Zeus' wife, Hera. Angry, Zeus attempts to disguise her as a cloud, but Ixion impregnates her anyway and they give birth to the beastly Centaurus, who later fathers all the Centaurus, who later fathers all the Centaurus, who later fathers all the Centaurus. As punishment, Zeus binds him to a flaming wheel. 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RELATED: These Are the Top 20 Baby Names for 2020 Hermione from Harry Potter, Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhardt Elizabeth I was crowned with a strong, biblical name that's perfectly timeless—and suits the current occupant of the English throne as well. Elizabeth offers dozens of nickname options, from Eliza to Bess (as Elizabeth I was sometimes known), making it a versatile option. Susan The first name of the most famous suffragist, Susan B. Anthony, reached its heyday in the 1960s; despite its beautiful meaning (it's "lily" in Hebrew) and its famous namesake, it's less common today. Harriet Tubman, a former slave who helped guide dozens of slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad and later fought for women's suffrage, went by her middle name. The name hasn't cracked the top 1,000 since the 1970s, but it's strong and works well for parents who want to go off the grid. Jane The grande dame of 18th century romance Jane Austen has a name that's classic as her novels—but even though it has seen a surge in popularity in recent years (currently in the 200s), it's likely your daughter will be the only Jane in her class. RELATED: Cute and Unique Girl Names Ruth The "notorious RGB" aka Ruth Bader Ginsberg is one of the most popular Supreme Court justices, and her Biblical first name means "friend." An old-fashioned pick, Ruth is now on the rise again and within the top 300 names. Rosa The first lady of the American civil rights movement, Rosa Parks, was given a pretty variation of the more common name Rose. It's a sweet substitute for the more popular floral monikers, Lily and Violet. Clara Born as Clarissa Harlowe Barton, Civil War nurse and founder of the American Red Cross Clara Barton preferred to be called Clara. (Her nickname means "bright and famous.") Clara currently ranks in the top 200, but is still rare enough to stand out. Margaret This gem of a name means "pearl," an appropriate choice for Margaret Mead, a brilliant cultural anthropologist. This traditional name, currently in the top 200 lends itself to tons of nicknames: Meg, Maggie, and Marge, to name a few. Gloria Feminist and journalist Gloria Steinem has fronted the women's liberation movement since the 1960s, fighting for women to have marriage and pay equality, and reproductive rights. Her name, which means "glory," has remained in the top 500 in recent years, which makes it ripe for a comeback. Louisa Her classic novel Little Women still remains popular, and Louisa May Alcott's name, which means "fame," is currently making a comeback. Emily Beloved 19th century poet Emily Dickinson has a name that's equally popular these days—Emily has ranked as the top name for girls for the past several years. Amelia Consider naming your daughter after one of the most famous women adventurers Amelia Earhart—and modern mysteries, after she disappeared over the Pacific during an attempt to circumnavigate the globe. Although it's currently in the top 100 names, it's a nice alternative to chart-topping Emily and Emma. Coco Talk about a couture name —this nickname used by the fabled fashion icon Coco Chanel was also the pick of Courteney Cox and David Arquette for their daughter. It hasn't yet cracked the top 1,000, so odds are your daughter will stand out. RELATED: Hipster Baby Names for Girls and Boys Beatrix The name of creator of the beloved Peter Rabbit series Beatrix Potter is a variation on Beatrice. It still hasn't cracked the top 1,000 names (though Beatrice is nearing the top 500), making it a great choice for parents who want a distinctive take on a classic Their Eyes Were Watching God) had a relatively popular name back when she was born, but it's just reentering the top 1000 now. Consider Zora, which means "sunrise," in lieu of Zoe. Ella Storied singer Ella Fitzgerald's name means "bright light," indicating someone destined to be a star. The name has recently experienced a resurgence in popularity and currently ranks in the top 20. Sandra The nation's first female Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was born. Frida The contributions of brilliant Mexican artist Frida Kahlo weren't recognized until decades after her death—and the same can be said for her name, a German one that means "peace." It didn't crack the top 1,000 until the 1990s, though it's now ranking in the top 700 names. Laura Memories of Laura Memori RELATED: Best Vintage Baby Names for Girls Katniss The fictional Hunger Games heroine Katniss Everdeen is named a real-life aquatic plant, making this a rare (but cool) botanical name pick. Hermione J.K. Rowling picked Hermione Granger's name for her legendarily bright witch after it appeared in ancient mythology and in Shakespeare. Hermione is a variation on the Greek god Hermes, and means "messenger." RELATED: 25 Baby Names Inspired By Harry Potter Leia The rebellious princess-slash-general Leia Organa from the Star Wars series is solely responsible for the popularity of this name, which has gotten a huge bump in the past decade. The name means "law." Josephine Louisa May Alcott's alter ego in the Little Women series, the tomboy-ish Josephine March generally went by "Jo." A timeless name that had a small dip in popularity in the late 1980s, it's currently in the top 100 names for girls—and the name, which means "grace," is equally beloved. Sarah The badass Sarah Connor who battled the Terminators has a Biblical name that means "princess." Rey The heroine of the latest Star Wars films, Rey sports a name that's more commonly given to guys. It mean "king." Dorothy The girl who adventured along the Yellow Brick Road in Oz, otherwise known as Dorothy Gale, has a name that means "loved by God." After a decline in popularity in the last half of the 20th century, it's currently back in vogue. Scarlett The ruthless and vivacious Scarlett O'Hara from Gone With the Wind has inspired plenty of baby names. Diana Wonder Woman Diana Princewas named after the Roman goddess of the moon. It's a top 200 baby name that means "divine." Luna The guirky cool Luna Lovegood in Harry Potter's band of heroes has single-handedly resulted in a huge rise in this name's popularity. It means "moon." RELATED: 50 Bohemian Baby Names That Are More Popular Than Ever Lisa The brainy Lisa Simpson of The Simpsons has a name that reached its peak in the 1960s and 70s. It's a shortened variation on Elizabeth and shares its meaning, "consecrated by God." Matilda The telekinetic title character from Roald Dahl's classic Matilda has inspired many modern parents to give their kids this name. It's one of the doubly strong female names—with a cool character and an apropos meaning, "battle mighty," to recommend it. Elsa The ultracool heroine of Frozen Elsa of Arendel inspired plenty of parents when the movie came out. Elsa's another variation on the popular Elizabeth. Carol Captain Marvel's alter ego Carol Danvers wears a name that peaked in popularity during World War II. It's a feminization of Charles, which means "free man." Adira A pretty name of Hebrew origin, Adira means "strong." Andrea A variation of the century, Audrey means "noble strength." Bernadette This 1940s favorite is a feminization of Bernard—a German name that gets a little French flair from the -ette ending. It means "brave as a bear." Bridget This Gaelic name and its numerous sisters—Brigitte, Birgit, and Brighid, to name a few—can mean strength or "praised one." Briella A feminization of Brian or a shortened version of Gabrielle, this top 300 baby name mans "God is my strength." Casey An Irish unisex name, Casey means "brave in battle." It's currently slightly more popular for boys, but could make a lovely pick for ladies as well. RELATED: 15 Unisex Last Names That Make Cool First Names Drew Another unisex name, Crew's a shortened for of Andrew and also means "strong and manly." Fernanda A top 500 pick, Fernanda is a Spanish name that means "bold voyager." Gabriella/Gabrielle This pair of variations on the boys' name Gabriel share its meaning, "God is my strength of a spear." Keren A Hebrew name that means "powerful," Keren's a nice variant on the still out-of-vogue Karen. Mildred You can get to the popular nickname Millie, "Millicent Another path to "Millie," Millicent Another path to "Millie," Millie, "Millie, "Mi French moniker that means valor.

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