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# Greek & Roman Mythology (Mostly)

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## ACROSS:

1. Poor person [6]
5. She suffered a rare defeat in a footrace involving three golden apples [8]
10. Virgil's heroic Trojan prince who survived to found Rome [6]
11. Daughter of Gaia and Uranus, older sister and wife of Chronos [4]
12. Greco-Egyptian mathematician and engineer of Alexandria. Considered the best remembered for his steam-powered devices and his mathematical formula for calculation of the area of a triangle using only the lengths of its sides [4]

13. A day in the Roman calendar that fell roughly in the middle of each month [4]
14. Roman equivalent of the Greek Hephaestus, god of fire, metalworking, stone masonry, forges, the art of sculpture, technology and blacksmiths [6]
15. Greek god of the underworld, the dead and riches, or the underworld itself [5]
19. Ancient seaport of the city of Rome [5]
21. Greek chief god [4]
22. Homer's epic poem about a 10-year siege of Troy [5]
24. Greek god of nature and the wild, often with goat-like horns and legs [3]
26. Greek epic poet of the late eighth or early seventh century BC [5]
28. Latin personification of the Sun [3]
30. Greek god of love, lust and sex [4]
32. Sixteenth letter of the Greek alphabet and an irrational constant [2]
33. Time personified, frequently confused with "Cronus", father of Zeus [7]
35. Trojan prince and military leader during the Trojan war [6]
37. The Greek philosopher Plato had early fame as this kind of athlete [8]
38. In Greek mythology, a fire-breathing lion, with the head of a goat projecting from its back, and a tail with a snake's head [8]
41. Roman equivalent of Poseidon, god of the sea, horses and other things [7]
42. Best known for slaying the Minotaur, he became king of Athens [7]
43. The mouthparts of a voracious animal [3]
48. Liquid cementing agent [4]
51. Definite article [3]
53. Roman household gods [5]
54. In both Greek and Roman mythology, one of several very old prophetesses [5]
55. Thick slice of meat, next to and often including a rib [4]
56. Last letter of the Greek alphabet [5]
57. Zeus's wife [4]
58. Challenge, provoke, goad [4]
59. Key figure in The Iliad, king of the Myrmidons [8]
60. Greek hero, later deified, renowned for his strength [8]

**DOWN:**

1. Trojan lover of Helen [5]
2. Founder of Mycenae, slayer of Medusa, saviour of Andromeda [7]
3. Roman equivalent of Aphrodite, goddess of love [5]
4. Two-faced Roman god of beginnings and endings [5]
6. Greek gods who preceded the Olympians whom they battled for supremacy [6]
7. Greek goddess of wisdom [6]
8. The only major god to be represented in both Greek and Roman pantheons under the same name [6]

9. Primaeval Greek Earth-goddess [4]
16. Important oracle situated in central Greece and sacred to Apollo [6]
17. Greek equivalent of the Roman god Mercury, whose duties included that of messenger [6]
18. Lazy or inactive [4]
19. Possess [3]
20. Greek goddess, personification of the rainbow [4]
23. Her beauty is said to have "*launched a thousand ships*" [5]
25. Job title for a Roman priest who interpreted the will of the gods by studying the flight of birds [5]
27. Collectively, the nine Greek inspirational goddesses of literature, science, and the arts [5]
29. Virginal Roman equivalent of the Greek Hestia, goddesses of hearth and home [5]
31. Homer's travel epic about the Greek hero known to Romans as Ulysses [7]
32. Construction for the purposes of cremation (e.g. as built by Achilles for Patroclus) [4]
34. Victim of fratricide by Rome's legendary founder [5]
38. The imaginary line that separates a pair of consecutive signs in the zodiac [4]
39. Roman equivalent of the Greek goddess of agriculture, Demeter [5]
40. In Greek mythology, the first woman; bestower of gifts, in one tradition the inadvertent releaser of all evils into the world [7]
43. Imported god, subject of a popular mystery cult among soldiers of the late classical Roman period [7]
44. Sob [4]
45. The unusual diet of the mares of Diomedes. Heracles was tasked with capturing them as one of his Twelve Labours [5]
46. Agricultural tool used for threshing of grain [5]
47. Also known as *Charis*; any one of the three Greek goddesses of charm, beauty, nature, human creativity, goodwill, and fertility [5]
49. Eagle's nest [5]
50. Roman goddess of the hunt, wild animals and the moon, usually equated with the Greek Artemis [5]
52. Greyish-white colour, often associated with the hair and beards of older people [4]
55. To relinquish or surrender power or territory [4]

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