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1. According to Roman mythology, Tartarus is the place where sinners go.

2. Tartarus is the lowest region of the world.

3. Hephaestus is the God that rules the Underworld.

4. Though Stygian iron is magical, it is useless on monsters, ghosts, and creatures of the Underworld.

5. When Kronos came to power as the king of the Titans, he imprisoned the Cyclops in Tartarus and set the monster Kampê as its guard.

6. One crime that wouldn’t land you in Tartarus was abuse of the gods’ hospitality.

7. The Titans were condemned to Tartarus after losing their battle against the Olympian gods.

8. Tartarus is the second cousin of Gaea.

9. Hermes visited Tartarus and was forced to stay.

10. Phlegethon is river that runs through Tartarus.

The Truths of Tartarus

Test your knowledge of the Underworld: how much do you really know?

Are these statements about Tartarus FACT or FICTION?

Hades Word Search

Find the words in this word search challenge

The answer to this puzzle is on page TK.
Great Monsters of Mythology

The mythical monsters featured in The House of Hades also colored the mythology of Greece and Rome and were fearsome and fascinating beasts. Can you identify them from the clues provided?

ACROSS
2. A monster with three bodies that was slain by Hercules
4. A creature with a human head, a lion’s body, and a scorpion’s tail
6. A sea demon with flippers instead of hands and a dog’s head
8. The eldest of the giants born to Gaea, destined to fight Pluto
9. Female spirits of curses, wrinkled hags with batlike wings, brass talons, and glowing red eyes; daughter of Nyx (Night)

DOWN
1. A creature with the forequarters (including talons) and wings of an eagle and the hindquarters of a lion
3. A cow monster whose name means “down-looker”
5. A vampire with fangs, claws, a bronze left leg, a donkey right leg, hair made of fire, and skin as white as bone.
7. A giant created by Gaea to absorb and defeat all of Hecate’s magic

The answer to this puzzle is on page TK.
How well do you know the differences between these major deities? Using your Greek and Roman teams, set up a trivia challenge using the questions below to see who knows their Greek and Roman gods!

1. The functions of this deity encompassed love, beauty, sex, fertility and prosperity.
   NAME OF GOD: ___________ GREEK OR ROMAN: ___________

2. For one group, this deity is credited with fashioning the first woman, though she was less known for her creator than the gifts she received.
   NAME OF GOD: ___________ GREEK OR ROMAN: ___________

3. The identity of this deity took on an altered symbol in one of the two civilizations—a symbol that today we associate with the medical profession.
   NAME OF GOD: ___________ GREEK OR ROMAN: ___________

4. While this deity was associated with war, wisdom, and aspects of industry in both Greek and Roman civilizations, in one of them she was importantly linked to cloth dyeing, and to science, and was credited with bestowing numbers upon man.
   NAME OF GOD: ___________ GREEK OR ROMAN: ___________

5. This deity is the “Father of Gods and men” who rules the Olympians of Mount Olympus as a father rules his family. He is the god of sky and thunder.
   NAME OF GOD: ___________ GREEK OR ROMAN: ___________

6. This deity is a daughter of Saturn and sister (but also the wife) of the chief god Jupiter and the mother of Mars and Vulcan.
   NAME OF GOD: ___________ GREEK OR ROMAN: ___________

7. This deity was the god of war and also an agricultural guardian. He was second in importance only to Jupiter, and he was the most prominent of the military gods.
   NAME OF GOD: ___________ GREEK OR ROMAN: ___________

8. This deity’s main domain is the ocean, and he is called the “God of the Sea”. Additionally, he is referred to as “Earth-Shaker”.
   NAME OF GOD: ___________ GREEK OR ROMAN: ___________

The answer to this activity is on page TK.
**Answer Key**

**Truths of Tartarus**
Activity from page 4

1. FACT
2. FACT
3. FICTION—Hades is its ruler.
4. FICTION—this magical metal is forged in the River Styx in the Underworld and is capable of absorbing the very essence of these beings.
5. FACT
6. FICTION—those doing so were often sent to Tartarus.
7. FACT
8. FICTION—Tartarus is Gaea’s husband.
9. FICTION—Hermes did travel to Tartarus but not as a form of punishment.
10. FACT

**Hades Word Search**
Activity from page 5

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**Great Monsters of Mythology**
Activity from page 6

1. *Cyclops*
2. *Minotaur*
3. *Centaur*
4. *Sphinx*
5. *Hydra*

**House of Horrors Matchup**
Activity from page 7


**Keep Your Eye on Olympus**
Activity from page 8

1. Goddess: Venus (Roman)
2. God: Hephaestus (Greek)
3. God: Mercury (Roman)
4. Goddess: Athena (Greek)
5. God: Zeus (Greek)
6. God: Juno (Roman)
7. God: Mars (Roman)
8. God: Poseidon (Greek)
About the Book: In this fourth installment of the best-selling Heroes of Olympus series, the Greek and Roman demigods from the Prophecy of Seven must work together to seal the Doors of Death—and help Percy and Annabeth escape the Underworld in the process.

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