

Latina II – gods review

A quick review of the main Roman gods and goddesses that we have talked about:

In the beginning:

Gaia – the earth

Uranus – the sky, her husband

Uranus imprisons his children (the titans, and the hundred-hand giants) in the underworld.

The Titans:

Saturn – the youngest son of Uranus and Gaia

Rhea – his wife and sister

Saturn overthrows Uranus and the Titans take power, with Saturn at the top. Afraid of being overthrown himself, Uranus swallows his and Rhea's children whole. Rhea, angry at having her children swallowed, hides her youngest son **Jupiter** and gives Saturn a rock to swallow. Jupiter overthrows Saturn and forces him to vomit up the remainder of his children.

The Olympians: (Jupiter, his siblings, and their children, who live on *Olympus*)

Name	Spheres of influence	Attributes
Jupiter (Jove)	King of the gods; thunder, the sky, justice	Eagle, thunderbolt
Juno	Marriage, women	Peacock
Neptune	The sea, earthquakes	Trident, horse
Ceres	Grain, harvest, agriculture	Torch, bundle of grain
Vesta	Hearth and home	
Venus	Love, beauty, desire	Seashell
Mars	War	Armor, weapons
Apollo	Medicine, music, prophecy, the sun	Lyre, bow and arrow, laurel
Diana	Nature, hunting, the moon, virginity	Bow and arrow, animals
Minerva	Wisdom, war (strategy)	Owl, helmet and shield
Vulcan	Blacksmithing, craftsmanship	Anvil, hammer, tongs
Mercury	Messages, travel, trickery	Winged sandals/helmet, caduceus

Non-Olympians: (gods related to the Olympians who do not live on Olympus)

Pluto	The underworld, wealth	
Bacchus	Wine, parties	Grapes, vines, leopard, thyrsus