L.I. I know about Ancient Greek Gods and can recall key facts about them.

Lesson 3: Ancient Greek Gods

The Ancient Greeks also had female gods, called Goddesses. The three most important Goddesses were Hera, Aphrodite and Athena.

Hera

Hera was the wife of Zeus, who was the King of the _____. Together, they lived on Mount _____. Hera was the goddess of **women and family**. She was very jealous of Zeus and often cursed mortal women she thought were interfering in her private life.

Activity A: write three sentences about Hera, using the words 'goddess', 'Olympus' and 'jealousy'.

1. _____
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2. _____
   _____

3. _____
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Aphrodite

Aphrodite was the **Goddess of love**. She advised mortals on their problems in this area and helping those she favoured find love. However, she was argumentative and experienced a feud with Hera and Athena. This feud led to the famous Trojan War.

Activity B: True or False?

1. Venus is the Roman Goddess of love.
2. Aphrodite argued with other gods and goddesses.
3. Hera and Aphrodite never argued.

Athena

Athena was the Goddess of wisdom and her most famous symbol is the owl. She was the daughter of Zeus, who was the King of the _____. Athena guided many heroes through her wisdom and helped many heroines exact revenge on villains who had harmed them. For example, when Medusa was attacked by Poseidon (the god of the _____), Athena turned her into a Gorgon (a creature which can turn all those who look at her into stone).

Activity C: write a sentence about the three goddesses, including the following words: 'revenge', 'feud' and 'villain'.

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Activity D: Fill in the summary below. Use the bold phrases in the box to help you.

The Greek gods lived on _____. Zeus, the king of the _____,

had two brothers: _____ (the god of the Sea) and Hades (the god of

the _____). The gods all had their favourites whom they helped and those whom

they punished: for example, the goddess of _____, Athena punished _____ by turning

her into a Gorgon. The gods and goddesses were far from perfect: they often interfered and couple

be spiteful to those who angered them. For example, Poseidon, the god of _____,

prevented the Greek hero _____ from returning home for ten years by cursing him to rough

seas.

Mount Olympus	Medusa	the sea
sky	Poseidon	
wisdom	Underworld	Odysseus