

# Introduction to Greek Gods and Goddesses-Answer Key

## Answer to Questions in Step 1:

1. Mythology is a collection of stories, or myths. Mythology is important because it helped explain the natural world and how it worked to the ancient Greeks.

2. Apollo helped the Greeks by healing their wounds. Athena helped the Greeks by showing them how to defeat an enemy.

3. The passage states that the Greeks prayed to Poseidon to keep them safe on sea travels and to Hermes when traveling on land.

4. Zeus behaved like a human in that he could be happy or angry with people. When happy, he would reward people such as farmers with an abundant harvest. If unhappy, he could destroy or hurt people with his thunderbolt.