

Greek I

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Zeus and Hera Feud, Zeus and Athena/ Hera/ Poseidon Feud Study Guide

SECTION ONE:

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I. Zeus' affair with Io:

Cause: Zeus fell in love with Io, Hera's priestess, and turned her into white cow. Hera put Argus Panoptes in charge of watching her.

Effect: Hermes kills the guard so Hera sent a gadfly to follow Io.

Resolution: Once Io reached Egypt she returns to her human form and gives birth to Epaphus.

II. Zeus' affair with Leto

Cause: Leto was Zeus' concubine, though to some sources she was his lawfully wedded wife.

Zeus fell in love with her and impregnated her with twins, Apollo and Artemis.

Effect: Hera was extremely angry for this was one of his first affairs and she was worried Leto would give Zeus a better son than Ares. She refused to let Leto rest anywhere. Leto traveled all around; but everyone was terrified of Hera, so they would not house Leto.

Resolution: When Leto came to the island of Delos, she prayed to the gods and swore she would make Delos a sacred place with many sacrifices. Zeus then changed Leto into a quail so that she could finally rest. After 9 painful days and nights, she gave birth to Apollo and Artemis.

III. Zeus' Affair with Europa

Cause: Zeus disguised himself as a bull and caught the attention of Europa and her maidens.

When Europa mounted the bull, it ran off and started swimming away. When Europa saw the bull swim, she knew it was a god. She plead for mercy from Zeus and he explained his love for her.

Effect: Hera never actually found out about Zeus' affair with Europa.

Resolution: Europa gave birth in peace to brothers Minos and Rhadamanthus.

IV. Zeus and Semele

Cause: Zeus fell in love with Semele, a mortal. He promised her that he would give her anything she wanted.

Effect: Hera found out about the affair and convinced Semele, as a priestess (or nurse according to other sources), to ask Zeus to court her like he courted Hera.

Resolution: Zeus listened and brought Semele to a bridal chamber. There, he came in a chariot with lightning and thunderbolts. He threw a lightning bolt at Semele, who died out of fear. Zeus tried to save her baby, Dionysus, by sewing him into his thigh.

V. Ino and Athamas test Hera

Cause: Ino is Semele's sister. When Semele died, she and her husband Athamas took care of Dionysus. Much to Hera's dislike, Dionysus was still alive.

Effect: Hera made Athamas kill his first-born child Learchos thinking he was a deer. Ino then threw Melikertes into boiling water. Zeus turns Dionysus into a baby goat to protect him, while Ino took her other son Palaemon and jumped off a cliff into the ocean.

Resolution: The sea-gods accepted Ino and Palaemon and turned them into gods. Ino then became Leucothea, the protector of sailors. Dionysus survives.

VI. Zeus' son, Hercules

Cause: Zeus proclaimed that his son, Hercules, from Alcmena would be king of Mycenae.

Alcmena did not realize Zeus bedded her, since he was disguised as her husband.

Effect: Hera was jealous so she tried to hold back Alcmena's labor so that another baby and heir could be born. However, when Hercules was born, she sent two serpents to kill him. She also made him go crazy so that he killed his and Megara's children. Finally, she tries to stop him from fulfilling his labors.

Resolution: Zeus hung Hera from Olympus for sending a storm to kill Hercules. Hephaestus tried to help Hera, but Zeus threw him off Olympus as a punishment. Hercules becomes a god, marries Hera's daughter, and they reconcile.

VII. Zeus' affair with Callisto

Cause: Callisto was a maiden of Artemis and wanted to remain a virgin, but Zeus made her sleep with him.

Effect: To hide Callisto, Zeus turned her into a bear. Hera knew what was going on and she convinced Artemis to shoot the bear (Callisto).

Resolution: Callisto was shot and her bear shape turned into a constellation.

VIII: Zeus' affair with Aegina

Cause: Zeus wanted to sleep with a nymph, Aegina, so he took her to an island as an eagle to be secretive. There, he impregnated her with Aecus.

Effect: Hera found out and sent a serpent to poison the water surrounding the island. Anyone who drank from that water died. Other sources say Hera sent a plague to kill the island.

Resolution: Aecus prayed to Zeus to repopulate his island. Zeus listened and made men out of ants/ the ground.

IX. Zeus' affair with Lynx

Cause: Iynx was trying to seduce Zeus with magic.

Effect: Hera got angry.

Resolution: Hera turned Iynx into stone.

X. Zeus' affair with Aphrodite

Cause: Zeus impregnated Aphrodite with Priapos.

Effect: Hera got very angry.

Resolution: Hera turned the unborn child into an ugly and deformed child.

XI. Rebellion (Zeus v. Hera, Athena, and Poseidon)

Cause: Hera was angry at Zeus for his extramarital affairs, so she asked Athena and Poseidon to help her tie Zeus up. Hera drugged Zeus' drink and it put him to sleep.

Effect: Zeus called on Thetis who then summoned Briareus, one of the the Hekatoncheires, to save him.

Resolution: Once Briareus saves Zeus, Zeus hangs Hera in the sky with gold chains and she weeps for so long that Zeus pities her and lets her down. Both Hera and Zeus decide to change their behavior.

SECTION TWO:

Zeus: Zeus is king of the gods, the god of lightning and thunder, and married to Hera. Zeus repeatedly seduces maidens, priestesses, other goddesses, and even his children. Most of these affairs result in Hera's intervention and punishment of the women and children.

Hera: Hera is the queen of the gods and the goddess of marriage. Hera punishes the women Zeus has affairs with by torturing them and their children. Hera is also jealous and worried that they will provide a better heir for Zeus.

Io: Io was raped by Zeus and turned into a white cow watched by Argos Panoptes. Then she is followed by a gadfly until she arrives in Egypt.

Argos Panoptes: Argos Panoptes is the guard of Io who has 100 eyes. He is put to sleep by Hermes and is killed.

Hermes: Hermes is sent by Zeus to put to sleep and kill Argos Panoptes.

Epaphus: Epaphus is the son of Io and Zeus.

Leto: Leto was raped by Zeus and turned into a quail. She is the goddess of modesty and gave birth to Artemis and Apollo.

Apollo and Artemis: The twin gods of Zeus and Leto. Artemis is the goddess of hunting and Apollo is the god of music and poetry.

Delos: Delos is the only person that houses Leto while she is running from Hera. She promises Delos that the island of Delos will become very sacred.

Europa: Europa was seduced by Zeus disguised as a white bull. She escaped Hera's wrath and gave birth to Minos and Rhadmothos.

Minos and Rhadmothos: They were the sons of Europa and Zeus.

Semele: Semele was a gorgeous mortal who Zeus fell in love with. He told her he would give her anything she asked for. Hera used that to trick Semele and Zeus killed her on accident.

Dionysus: Dionysus is the god of wine and wild frenziness. His parents are Semele and Zeus. He was transplanted into Zeus' thigh after his mother died, because of Hera's tricks.

Ino: Ino was the sister of Semele who was raped by Zeus and gave birth to Dionysus. She and her husband took care of Dionysus until Hera drove them crazy and made them attack their children.

Athamos: Athamos is the husband of Ino who was driven crazy by Hera and shot his first-born son.

Learkhos and Melikertes: Learkhos was shot by his father Athamos who mistook him for a deer.

Melikertes was killed by his mother who threw him into hot water.

Hercules: Hercules is one of many Greek heroes. His parents are Alcmena and Zeus. Hera always tried to stop him from fulfilling his twelve labors. However, he did, and became a god.

Alcmena: She is the mom of Hercules and had an affair with Zeus without knowing.

Hephaestus: When Zeus punished Hera for hurting Hercules, he hung her from Olympus in chains. Hephaestus tried to save her, so Zeus tossed him off Olympus, breaking his legs.

Callisto: Callisto was turned into a bear after Zeus raped her. Once Hera found out, she told Artemis to shoot Callisto whose body rose into a constellation.

Artemis: Artemis was instructed by Hera to shoot Callisto, disguised as a bear.

Aegina: Aegina was a nymph Zeus wanted to sleep with. He turned into an eagle and took her to an island. There, she had a son Aecus.

Aecus: Aecus is the son of Zeus and Aegina. His island population was hurt by Hera but he prayed to Zeus that he would provide more men; so Zeus made men out of ants/ the land.

Iynx: Iynx was turned to stone by Hera while trying to use magic to seduce Zeus.

Aphrodite: Zeus seduced Aphrodite and Hera turned their child into a misshapen and ugly form.

Priaphos: Priaphos was the child of Zeus and Aphrodite that Hera made ugly.

Athena: Athena helped Hera poison Zeus and bind him while he was asleep.

Poseidon: Poseidon is the god of the sea. Poseidon sided with Hera and tried to help her with her rebellion.

Thetis: Thetis summoned Briareus to help free the chains from Zeus.

Briareus: Briareus is one of the important Hekatoncheires and storm giants. He helped save Zeus from the rebellion. He is also known as Aegaeus.

Hekatoncheires: The hekatoncheires are three, 100 handed and 50 headed storm-giants. They guarded Tarturus.

SECTION THREE:

Io: Argos (southern Greece) and Egypt. Io met Zeus in Argos and wandered all the way to Egypt where she turned back into a human.

Leto: Greece/ Delos. Leto met Zeus in Greece. After she became pregnant, she wandered around Greece until she finally got rest at Delos.

Europa: Crete. Europa was a maiden in Crete and it was where Zeus approached her.

Semele: Thebes and Boeotia (southern Greece) Semele met Zeus in Thebes, but died in Boeotia in her bridal chamber.

Ino and Athamos: Athamantia and Boeotia (southern Greece). Ino and Athamos were the King and Queen of Athamantia.

Hercules: Thebes and Boeotia (Central Greece). Hercules was born around Thebes. He went all around Greece to complete his twelve labors and avoiding Hera's curses.

Callisto: Mount Lykaeos and Arkadia (southern Greece). Callisto was from Arkadia and she died there after being shot by Artemis.

Aegina: Aegina (southern Greece) Zeus took Aegina to the island, now called Aegina, and raped her.

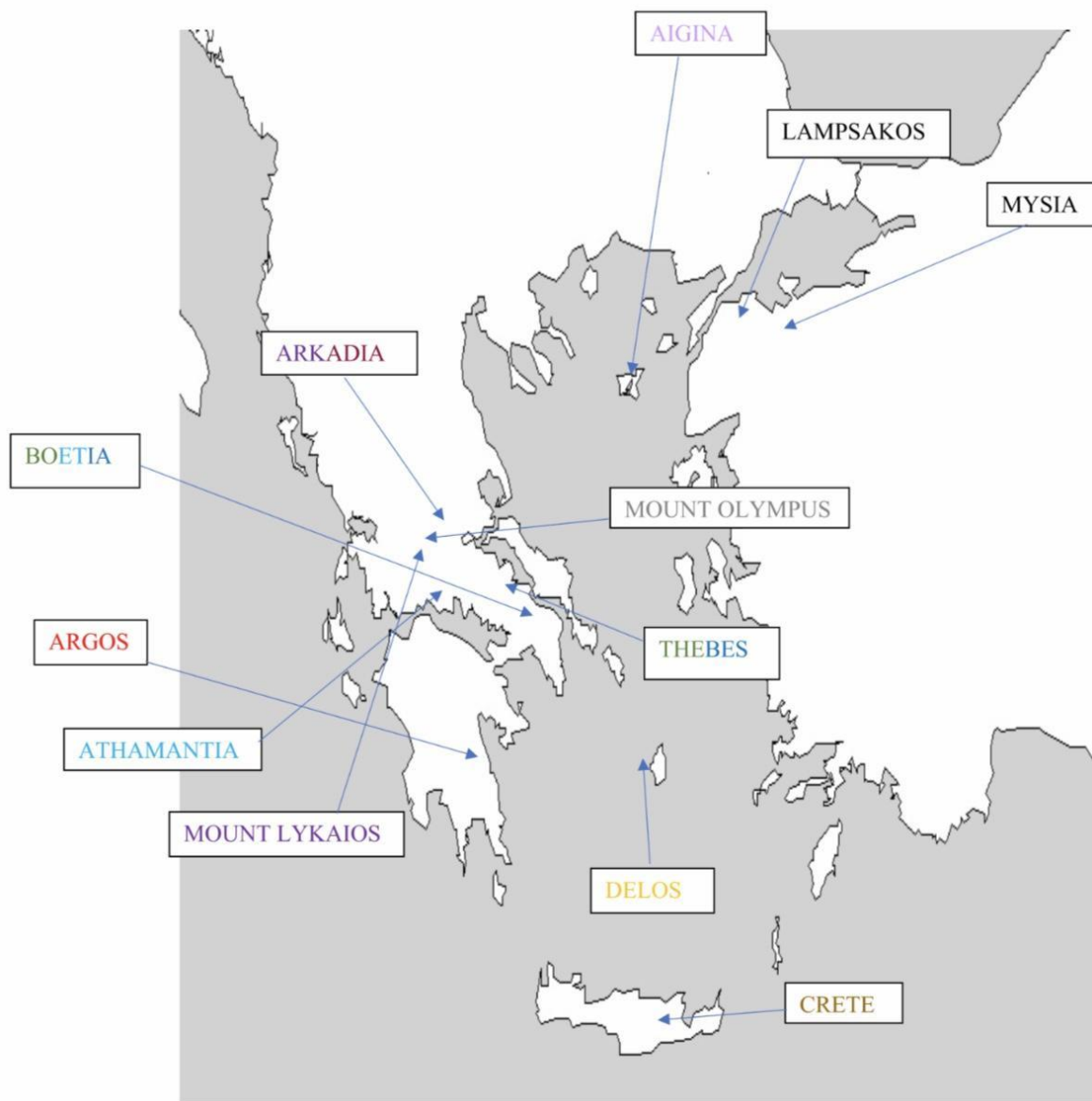
Iynx: Arkadia. Iynx was born and turned to stone by Hera in Arkadia.

Aphrodite: Lampsakos, Mysia (Anatolia). Aphrodite gave birth to her ugly child, fathered by Zeus, in Anatolia.

Rebellion (Zeus vs. Hera, Poseidon, Athena): Mt. Olympus. The rebellion was between the gods and took place on Mount Olympus. Hera, as punishment, was hung from the sky.

SECTION FOUR:

MAP ONE- GREECE



MAP TWO- EUROPE



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