

## 8. Ares

On the marble relief the God Ares wears his armour and leans on his shield. He is crowning a man.

Why do you think this man has received this honor?

Because he was distinguished in:

- War  Athletic Competitions  Theatrical Competitions



God of war and battle.  
Symbols: weapons, dog.



## 9. Hera

In order to honor their allies from Samos, the Athenians carved images of Athena and Hera, the two patron deities of their cities, the moment that they are shaking hands to seal the agreement.

Wife of Zeus. She protected marriage and family. Symbols: sceptre, pomegranate, peacock.

What symbol is Hera as queen of the Gods, holding here?



Now go to the 3rd floor to the Parthenon Gallery and move eastwards!

## 10. Hestia

Look carefully at this statue on the right side of the pediment. It is Hestia. She observes the Birth of Athena once shown in the centre of the pediment.

Try to recognise the rest of the Gods on the pediment.

Goddess of home and family. She had no particular symbols.



Now go behind the pediment to see the frieze. Thanks to your help, the Gods are all here!

Amongst them, the Athenians offer the Goddess Athena their gift. It is a new dress, the peplos.

Which two Gods haven't you found yet?

## 12. Hephaistos

Besides Athena sits Hephaistos who is talking with her.

You can see that Hephaistos supports himself on a cane. Why?



God of fire. He created artifacts from metal. Symbols: goldsmith tools, cane, donkey.

## 13. Poseidon

Poseidon sits alongside Hephaistos. He was Athena's opponent at the contest for the protection of the city.



God of the sea. Symbols: trident, horse, pine.

What do you think he would hold with his raised hand?



Now look at all the Gods together and try to identify each one of them. They are all seated and the only one standing amongst them is me, Iris! Try to find me!

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## Family Trail

Congratulations! I am so happy I was able to spend this time with you!



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