

Hello there!
I am Iris,
the rainbow Goddess,
the winged messenger
of the Olympian Gods.



I have to find the Gods and invite them
to the Goddess Athena's birthday.
The celebration will be held
in the Parthenon Gallery
on the 3rd floor of the Museum.



Help me find the Gods!

1. Hermes

Once upon a time the three Goddesses,
Athena, Hera and Aphrodite
fought over who was the most beautiful.
Paris, the prince of Troy had to make that difficult
decision. Hermes took the three Goddesses to Paris.

Can you spot Hermes on the vase?



Messenger,
protector of travelers
and trade.
Symbols: kerykeion,
winged sandals,
winged cap.

Which of the symbols of the God Hermes
would you like to have and why?

2. Apollo

On this marble relief
you can see Apollo sitting on a rock
and holding his kithara (guitar).



God of sun,
music and prophecy
Symbols: lyre,
tripod, laurel,
dolphin.

Can you recognize
any other Gods?

3. Dionysos

Even though he did not belong to the 12 great
Olympian Gods there is no way that Dionysos
cannot be at the party. This big face is a marble
mask of Dionysos. It was originally placed up on a
column that would be dressed with clothes and
people would dance around it!



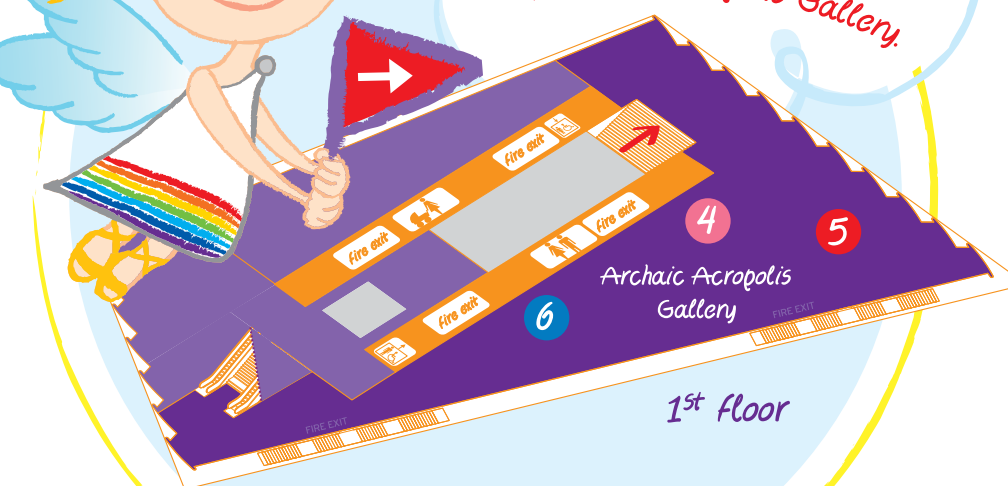
With what place is the
worship of Dionysos linked?

- Oracle
- Theatre
- Healing Centre
- Stadium

God
of vineyards, wine,
dance and theatre.
Symbols: mask,
grapes, ivy,
panther.



Now go up to the
1st floor to the
Archaic Acropolis Gallery.



4. Artemis

This beautiful kore statue is most likely the Goddess Artemis.
Imagine her with the arrows she held in her right hand
and her bow in the left hand. Look at the colored copy beside
the statue and note the details of the decoration on her clothes.



Which of the motifs
make us think that this is
the Goddess Artemis?

Goddess
of the forest, wild
animals and hunting.
Symbols: bow, arrow,
moon, deer,
bear.

5. Zeus

A pediment is the triangular space defined by
the roof of the temple on its two narrow sides.

On this small pediment we can see Zeus and Hera
receiving Herakles on Mount Olympus.
See how clearly you can still see the color
that originally was painted on the pediment



Note also how beautiful the throne of Zeus is!



King
and father
of all Gods and
humans.
Symbols: thunderbolt,
sceptre, eagle,
oak.

6. Athena

This statue of Athena
once decorated the pediment that showed
the Gigantomachy, that is, the battle
between the Olympian Gods and the Giants.
The Goddess wears the aegis, an overcoat,
with frightening snakes around its edges.
The Goddess' opponent was the Giant Engelos
of which only part of a foot survives!

Here she is,
the Goddess
Athena!



Do you know what natural
phenomenon Engelos is linked with?

Goddess
of wisdom
and civilization,
patron deity of Athens.
Symbols: spear,
helmet, shield, aegis,
owl, olive.

7. Demeter

The marble relief you see here
shows two goddesses arm in arm.
On the left is Demeter and on the right
her daughter, Persephone.

Persephone was married to Hades
and she was queen of the:

- sky
- sea
- Underworld

Goddess of
agriculture.
She taught people
how to cultivate the earth.
Symbols: torch,
ear of corn, pig.

