

KEY TERMS :: THE FIRST FAMILY: ZEUS AND HIS LOVES

anthropomorphic

theriomorphic

athanatoi (“the deathless ones”)

thnetoi (“those bound by death”, mortals)

pantheon

xenia (“guest-friendship”)

moira (“share, allotment” => fate)

12 Olympians

First Generation

Zeus || Jove or Jupiter (> *Jove-pater*)

Poseidon || Neptune

Hera || Juno

Demeter || Ceres

Second Generation

Athena || Minerva

Ares || Mars

Hephaestus || Vulcan

Apollo

Artemis || Diana

Hermes || Mercury

Earlier/Later Generations

Aphrodite || Venus

Dionysius || Bacchus

“Non-Olympian” Children of Cronos

Hestia || Vesta

Hades || Pluto

Myth of Io (cow): Inachus, Argus (peacock),
Pan, Syrinx (pipes)

Chief Cult Sanctuaries of Zeus

Olympia: Temple of Zeus c. 460 B.C.

Dodona: Great oracle of Zeus

Some Marriages and Affairs of Zeus

► *indicates offspring from union*

(cow) *indicates disguise used by Zeus*

With Divinities

Metis (“wisdom/cleverness”) ► Athena

Demeter ► Persephone

Maia ► Hermes

Hera ► Hebe, Eileithyia Ares, Hephaestus (or parthenogenic?)

Callisto ► Arkas

With Mortals

Leto ► Apollo & Artemis

Io (cow) ► Epaphus

Europa ► Minos and Rhadamanthys

Semele ► Dionysus

Antiope ► Amphion & Zethos (founded Thebes)

Danaë (golden shower) ► Perseus

Alcmene (her husband) ► Heracles

Leda (swan) ► two eggs; each hatched twins:

1) Helen (of Troy) & Clytemnestra

2) Castor & Pollux (a.k.a Dioscuri “Zeus’ Boys”)

Ganymede (eagle)