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Athena



Athena was beloved across Greece. She was the goddess of wisdom and skilled handicrafts like weaving. She was also a goddess of war. Unlike her brother Ares, Athena embodied strategy, discipline, and leadership, not violence. She was a protector who fought for righteous causes. Symbols commonly associated with her include owls, spiders, helmets, spears, and olive trees.

Athena's origins are unique. She was one of Zeus's many daughters, but had no mother: she emerged fully formed from his forehead! As a warrior maiden, Athena



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2. How do spiders relate to Athena's godly domains?

3. How are Athena's roles as a goddess of wisdom and war related?

4. What must *discipline* mean in this context?

- a. punishment b. self-control c. subject area d. teaching

5. Why might cities have chosen Athena as their patron deity?

ANSWER KEY

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5. Why might cities have chosen Athena as their patron deity?

Answers will vary: She was a protector, so she could defend them.
