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GREEK GODS SERIES

Demeter



Demeter was the goddess of the harvest. She presided over agriculture and fertility. As you might expect, her most common symbols are related to harvests and grains: wheat, bread, and bountiful cornucopias.

Demeter was one of six children born to Cronus and Rhea. Although she had no husband, she had several children. Demeter's brother Hades abducted her daughter Persephone to become his wife. Her disappearance devastated Demeter, who let harvests and plants die during Persephone's absence. The torch Demeter used while



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2. What are four things people worshipped Demeter for?

3. How many siblings did Demeter have?

4. Using context clues, what is another word for *abducted*?

- a.** loved **b.** visited **c.** kidnapped **d.** wanted

5. How are Demeter's roles as a goddess of agriculture and seasons related?

ANSWER KEY

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5. How are Demeter's roles as a goddess of agriculture and seasons related?

Answers may vary: The seasons influence how and when plants grow.
