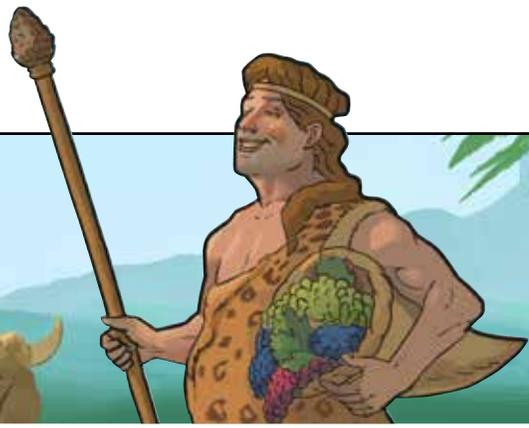


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Dionysus



Dionysus is best known as the god of wine and festivity. He made sure everyone had a great, freeing time at a party. He's commonly associated with things like grapes, theater masks, and goats. He's also recognized by his thyrsus: a wand or staff wrapped in ivy or grape vines and usually topped with a pinecone, carried during festivals.

Sometimes Dionysus replaces Hestia among the 12 Olympians. Many myths say this son of Zeus had a mortal mother. His several children have different mothers, and he had other lovers too. He married the mortal princess Ariadne, although she died



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2. Is Dionysus always counted as one of the 12 Olympians? Why or why not?

3. What is another Greek name for Dionysus?

4. Which *two* of the following are synonyms for *mortal*? (Circle both.)

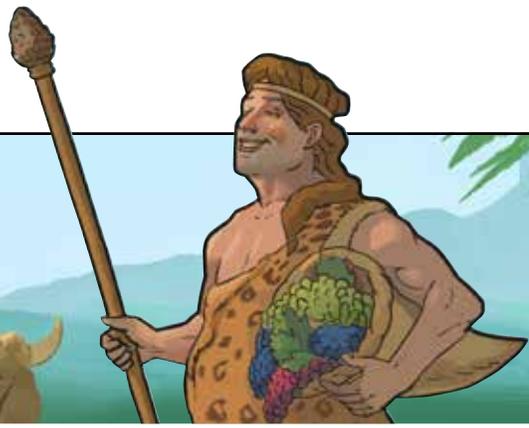
- a. human b. divine c. lasting forever d. able to die

5. Why would farmers pray to a wine and festivities god for good harvests?

ANSWER KEY

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5. Why would farmers pray to a wine and festivities god for good harvests?

Answers may vary: Wine needs grapes/fruit and festivals need food.
