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Hephaestus



While Hestia was goddess of calm and helpful flames, Hephaestus was god of more powerful fires. This god of the forge was a master craftsman. He designed and smithed the other Olympians' weapons and armor. He used volcanoes as forges. Smithing tools like hammers, anvils, and tongs are other common symbols. So are donkeys. Although myths about why and how differ, he had mobility issues. Hard-working donkeys helped carry him around.

Hephaestus was a son of Hera. His mother gave him Aphrodite as a wife, but it



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2. What service did Hephaestus provide the other Olympians?

3. Which is *not* a symbol associated with Hephaestus?

- a. volcanoes b. smithing tongs c. candles d. anvils

4. What is another way to say *mobility issues*?

5. Other than carrying him, why are donkeys good symbols for Hephaestus?

ANSWER KEY

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trouble walking

5. Other than carrying him, why are donkeys good symbols for Hephaestus?

Answers will vary. Answers may include: They are hardworking. They help with building.