

## Apollo, god of the sun, poetry and medicine

Apollo is the Greek god of music, poetry, light, prophecy, and medicine. He is one of the Twelve Olympian gods who live on Mount Olympus. Artemis, the Greek goddess of hunting, is his twin sister. His symbols include the musical instrument, the lyre, and the raven.

### Powers

- Immortal
- Powerful
- Could see into the future
- Power over light
- Heal people or send disease
- Deadly with bow and arrow

### Personality

- Calm
- Wise
- Clever
- Enjoys writing poems and singing songs with the Muses
- Loyal to his parents
- Clever fighter
- Liked by all the gods



A bust of Apollo

### Interesting facts

- Apollo and Poseidon once attempted to overthrow Zeus. As punishment, they were forced to work for mortals for a time. It was during this time that they built the great walls of Troy.
- Leader of the Muses (goddesses who inspired science, art and literature)
- Hermes created the lyre for Apollo

Apollo's involvement with disease and healing means that he became the god of health and healing which meant he was often an important god to pray to during battle.