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## LESSON 1: *Olden Times, Gaea, The Titans, Cronus* (pp. 9-15)

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### FACTS TO KNOW

1. **Gaea** – Mother Earth, mother of all living things
2. **Uranus** – Father Sky
3. **Titans & Titanesses** – first children of Earth and Uranus; giants
4. **Cyclopes** – one-eyed children of Earth and Uranus
5. **Tartarus** – the deepest, darkest pit of the earth
6. **Cronus** – youngest Titan; overcame Uranus
7. **Rhea** – wife and sister of Cronus; a Titaness
8. **Zeus** – youngest child of Cronus; King of gods
9. **Crete\*** – island where Zeus was raised

\* Asterisk indicates map locations.

### VOCABULARY

1. **magnificent** to behold \_\_\_\_\_
2. warm and **bountiful** mother \_\_\_\_\_
3. lord of the **universe** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **tremendously** strong smiths \_\_\_\_\_
5. looked at them with **disgust** \_\_\_\_\_
6. of hardest **flint** \_\_\_\_\_
7. she fashioned a **sickle** \_\_\_\_\_
8. out of her **crevices** \_\_\_\_\_
9. his **monstrous** brothers \_\_\_\_\_
10. But Rhea **mourned** [**mourn**] \_\_\_\_\_

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. How were the Greek gods similar to mortals in olden times? How were they different?

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2. What did Uranus do to upset Mother Earth?

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3. Name all the children of Gaea and Uranus.

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4. Who became the lord of the Universe after Uranus, and how did he get this position?

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5. What did Cronus do to all of his children? Why?

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6. How did Rhea and Mother Earth fool Cronus?

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7. Who was the sixth child of Rhea, hidden in youth?

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## ACTIVITIES

### Identify:

- p. 11 – Mother Earth and Father Sky. Why are there stars in their eyes?
  - p. 13 – Mother Earth, Uranus, Cyclopes, Titans, Titanesses, Cronus, 100-eyed children. What is Cronus doing? What is Uranus doing?
  - p. 14 – Cronus. What is he doing? What is in his stomach? Where is his sickle?
  - p. 15 – Rhea, Zeus. Why is she running away?
  - Map – Crete
1. When was the Greek Golden Age? the Biblical Golden Age? What are the characteristics of a golden age?
  2. Genesis 1:27 says, "God created man in his own image." In consideration of this statement, how did the Greeks perceive their gods?
  3. Think of some modern things that have the name Titan. Why is that name used?