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## Facts to Know

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<b>Gaea</b>	<i>Mother Earth, mother of all living things</i>
<b>Uranus</b>	<i>Father Sky</i>
<b>Titans &amp; Titanesses</b>	<i>first Children of Earth and Uranus; giants</i>
<b>Cyclopes</b>	<i>one-eyed children of Earth and Uranus</i>
<b>Tartarus</b>	<i>the deepest, darkest pit of the earth</i>
<b>Cronus</b>	<i>youngest Titan; overcame Uranus</i>
<b>Rhea</b>	<i>wife and sister of Cronus; a Titaness</i>
<b>Zeus</b>	<i>youngest child of Cronus; King of gods</i>
<b>Crete*</b>	<i>island where Zeus was raised</i>

\* Asterisk indicates map locations.

## Vocabulary

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1. <b>magnificent</b> to behold	<u>superb, wonderful</u>
2. warm and <b>bountiful</b> mother	<u>plentiful, abundant</u>
3. lord of the <b>universe</b>	<u>milky way galaxy, the world</u>
4. <b>tremendously</b> strong smiths	<u>extremely, immensely</u>
5. looked at them with <b>disgust</b>	<u>repugnance</u>
6. of hardest <b>flint</b>	<u>a hard stone</u>
7. she fashioned a <b>sickle</b>	<u>curved metal blade with a short handle</u>
8. out of her <b>crevices</b>	<u>narrow opening, crack</u>
9. his <b>monstrous</b> brothers	<u>gigantic, unnatural</u>
10. But Rhea <b>mourned</b> [ <b>mourn</b> ]	<u>to express sorrow or grief</u>



## *Olden Times, Gaea, The Titans, Cronus*

### Comprehension Questions

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1. How were the Greek gods similar to mortals in olden times? How were they different?  
The Greek gods looked and acted like people, but were taller, more handsome, and could do no wrong.
2. What did Uranus do to upset Mother Earth?  
Uranus seized his children and threw them into Tartarus.
3. Who became first Lord of the Universe and how did he acquire this position?  
Cronus became the Lord of the Universe by daring to obey his mother and taking a sickle to his father, Uranus.
4. What did Cronus do to all of his children? Why?  
Cronus swallowed the newborns in fear that they would one day overthrow him.
5. How did Rhea and Mother Earth fool Cronus?  
When Rhea's sixth child was born, Rhea wrapped a rock in baby clothes and tricked Cronus into swallowing the rock instead of the newborn. Rhea then hid the baby in a secret cave on the Island of Crete.
6. Who was the sixth child of Rhea, hidden in youth? Zeus

### Activities

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- 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?  
The Greek Golden Age was during the reign of Cronus. The Biblical Golden Age was at the time of Adam and Eve, before the fall. A golden age is associated with harmony among men, nature, and God.
  2. Genesis 1:27 says, "God created man in his own image." In consideration of this statement, how did the Greeks perceive their gods?  
The Greeks perceived their gods to be in the image of men, and conversely, men in the image of their gods. Because of this, they were prepared for the idea of man presented in the Gospel. They also recognized that there was something greater than and beyond the self.
  3. Think of some modern things that have the name Titan. Why is that name used?  
Persons or groups use the name "Titan" to project an image of great power and size. An example is the Tennessee Titans football team. Powerful men such as John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie are metaphorically called "titans."