Hades

Hades was an Olympian. He was a son of Cronus, the leader of The Titans.

The Titans. Barbaric, older generation, uncivilized.

The Olympians. More modern, more powerful.

Hades had the birthright to be the god of gods.

They drew lots. Hades got the ‘short straw.’

Persephone was Hades’ wife.

The nature of the underworld (“Hades”)

Three levels:

- Islands of the Blessed (heroes and famous people)

- Fields of Aspedell (bleak, quiet, sad, people walking around)

- Tartarus (Bad people. Murders, people who angered the gods etc)

2 Examples

-Sisyphus (A sysiphean task) <https://www.idioms.online/sisyphean-task/>

-Orpheus the musician (shows the power of music to the Greeks). The power of the gods is absolute.

Going to the underworld is important…the hero class face death in the underworld.

The River Styx- Charon was a ferryman who you had to pay to get across into The Underworld. Otherwise you ended up as ‘the restless dead’ on Earth (a ghost).

Demeter was the mother of Persephone (Hades’ wife in The Underworld). Demeter was the goddess of the harvest.