

# ATHENA

**Daughter of Zeus,  
goddess of war and  
wisdom.**

Athena was a powerful and beautiful goddess. She was the daughter of Zeus and she sprang fully-grown, out of Zeus's head (already completely dressed in armour). She also had a shield and a spear. She was a truly great warrior.

Athena was the most important Goddess in Athens (The city is named after her). She was also the goddess of wisdom. She taught mortal humans about art and crafts and how to think better. She was often shown with her pet owl. (Even now, owls are seen as a symbol of wisdom).

There are many legends about Athena and like most legends they can be told slightly differently. One such story, was that Athena was insulted by Medusa and transformed her into a hideous monster... with snakes for hair. She also later helped her half-brother, Perseus (the hero), to cut off Medusa's head. Athena is often shown wearing Medusa's head on her armour or shield.

## Can you label Athena?

**Helmet** Often shown worn high on her head.

**Shield** (This has a snake on it)

**Breastplate** (Armour made of scales with Medusa's head on it).

**Spear** In her right hand

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Why not colour Athena in? (You choose the colours)



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