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## Mythology: Olympians & Vocabulary

### PART I

#### Instructions

For each vocabulary word:

- a) Identify the mythological source of the term.
- b) Provide background information about the source that explains the meaning of the term.
- c) Apply the word to something you know: for example, a character in a film or cartoon, an historical or current event, a place, the life of a singer or actor or sports figure. Make sure to explain and provide detail that supports your effective use of the vocabulary word to describe this situation, person, or character.

#### Example for *chaotic*

- a) Chaos
- b) Because Chaos is the ruler of emptiness and disorder that existed before the Titans, the word *chaotic* aptly describes a person or situation that is ruled by confusion and turmoil.
- c) For eighteen days, the political situation in Egypt was chaotic. Citizens calling for the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak and those supporting him filled the streets and clashed with one another. Many fear that the unrest in Egypt will jeopardize the stability of the Middle East.

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| 1. an Apollo | 4. saturnine   | 7. sibylline | 10. an Athens |
| 2. mercurial | 5. cupidity    | 8. jovial    | 11. lethargic |
| 3. venerate  | 6. a Bacchante | 9. cyclopean | 12. phobia    |

### PART II

- Choose a Greek/Roman god who is most like yourself. Then, explain multiple ways that you are like this god. You need to identify the god's roles, traits, and interests and relate those to your own life. Make sure to provide specific examples from your daily life to support that you are truly like this god. The more precise your detail, the better your grade. (You don't have to limit yourself by gender. For instance, you do not need to choose a goddess simply because you are female.)
- *Ms. Boyd's example:*  
If I were a Greek god, I would be Athena. Because she is the goddess of wisdom, strength, and domestic arts as well as the patron of civilized life and culture, we share much in common. I am passionate about learning and would much rather read a book than watch television, more concerned about important ideas than trivial pop culture. I am physically strong and exercise daily: I swim, hike, and practice yoga. I treat my home artistically: cooking gourmet meals, making my own bread, sewing and upholstering, and gardening. Like Athena, my cultural environment is crucial to my life. I am a member of the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, the High Museum, and Fernbank Museum of Natural History; at least once a month, I attend a performance at the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra or the Alliance Theatre.