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I Am the Goddess Athena

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METACHMIO



TALES FROM THE

GREEK MYTHS



I am the daughter of Zeus and Metis the Wise. From a very young age my father was like a god to me, but then that's how lots of children feel about their dads. Before I came into this world, I was constantly on my father's mind. My father thought about me so incredibly much that he got a terrible headache. One day, he decided he should do something to stop these headaches by getting me out of his head. There were a lot of other gods present, feeling sorry for my father whose head was hurting so much. And suddenly there I appeared, bursting out of his head fully armed just like he had conjured me in his divine imagination: in a golden armour, holding a shield and a spear, ready for battle.

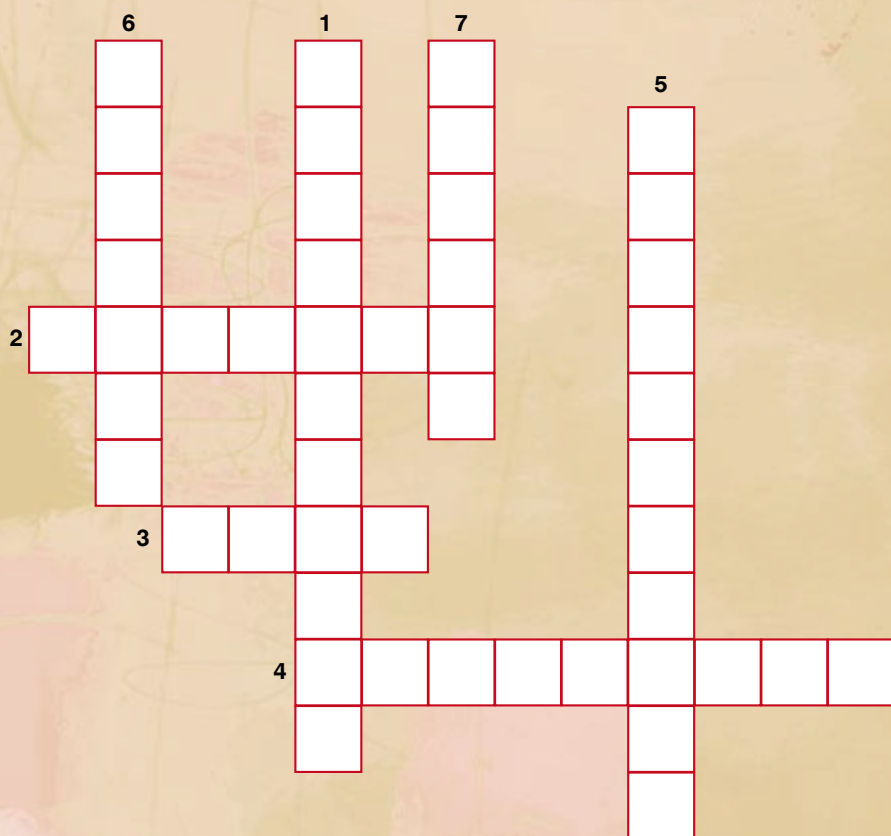


Everyone knows that I am the goddess of war, but also of wisdom and crafts. I am goddess Athena.

CROSSWORD

1. The architects that built the Parthenon were Ictinus and ...
2. He created the gold and ivory statue of Athena.
3. Athena was born out of Zeus's ...
4. Athena's opponent in the war against the Giants.
5. The grandest festivity in honour of Athena was the Great ...
6. She boasted she could best Athena at weaving.
7. The head of this monster decorated Athena's shield.





ANSWERS:

1. CALLIGRATES, 2. PHIDIAS, 3. HEAD, 4. ENCELADUS,

5. PANATHENAIKA, 6. ARACHNE, 7. MEDUSA

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I am Athena, the goddess of wisdom.
Of all animals the one I love most is the owl.
I like to help people, but I prefer to help those that
help themselves rather than expect everything
on a silver platter. I am a first-rate warrior but I also
love the arts and letters. Weaving is also one my
favourite pastimes. My weaving work is the best
in the world, better even than that foolish girl's,
Arachne, whom I was forced to compete with.

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