

**CHAPTER 5**

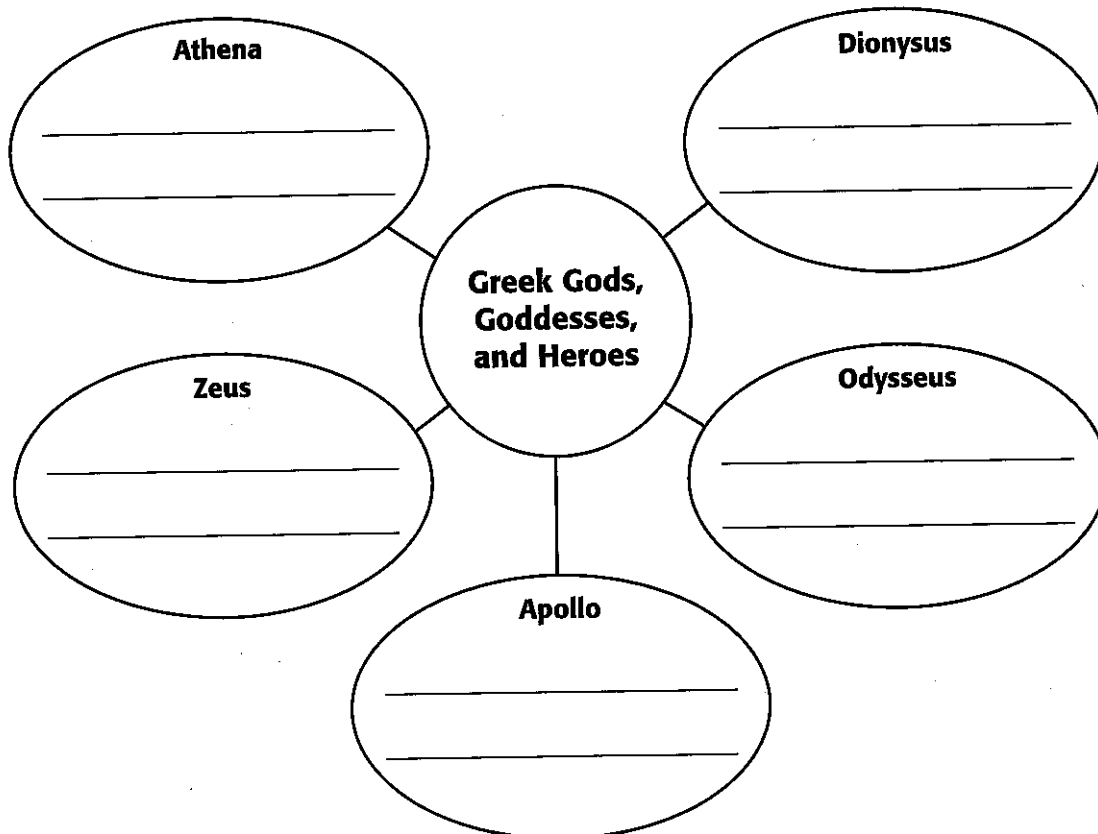
**Main Idea Activities 5.2  
Greek Government and Society**

**VOCABULARY** Some terms to understand:

- **javelin (111):** a light spear
- **discus (111):** a heavy disk of metal and wood
- **fortress (111):** a large and permanent fortification
- **stadium (111):** a place for outdoor games with rising seats around a field
- **commoner (112):** someone who is not a member of the noble class
- **infantry (112):** soldiers trained to fight on foot

**ORGANIZING INFORMATION** Place each item in the correct category of the web.

- ruler of Mount Olympus, king of the gods
- god of poetry, music, and light, a son of Zeus
- the god of wine and fertility, another son of Zeus
- goddess of wisdom and womanly goodness, a daughter of Zeus
- Mycenaean king who was the hero of Homer's epic poem



**Chapter 5, Main Idea Activities 5.2, continued**

**REVIEWING FACTS** Choose the correct items from the following list to complete the statements below.

myths	epics	oracle	<i>Iliad</i>	Homer
Athens	<i>Odyssey</i>	Helen	Zeus	aristocracies

1. The Greeks created \_\_\_\_\_ about gods, goddesses, and heroes.
2. The blind poet \_\_\_\_\_ is said to have written two long poems about Greek history.
3. Long poems about heroes and great events are called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ tells about the events of the Trojan War.
5. The Trojan War was an attempt to rescue the Mycenaean queen, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ tells what happens after the Trojan War.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ was named after the goddess of wisdom.
8. The Olympic Games were organized as a tribute to \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Greek nobles controlled special city-states called \_\_\_\_\_.
10. In ancient Greece, an \_\_\_\_\_ might tell you about the future.

**EVALUATING INFORMATION** Mark each statement *T* if it is true or *F* if it is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. It took Odysseus ten years to get home after the Trojan War.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Greeks turned to religion to explain why people sometimes lost self-control.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Greeks expected their religion to save them from sin.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Women and slaves had political rights in ancient Greece.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. When a tyrant became brutal, people pressed for election.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Democracy began in some city-states.