

# ARTEMIS THE GODDESS OF THE MOON

*Artemis in the ancient Greek religion and myth, is the goddess of the hunt, the wilderness, wild animals, the Moon, and chastity. Artemis is the daughter of Zeus .*

She hunted for food to sustain life, especially the difficult one she chose to live in the wilderness. During this time, the girls were known as arkttoi, or little she-bears. Hera struck Artemis on the ears with her own quiver, causing the arrows to fall out. She acted swiftly and decisively to protect and rescue those who appealed to her for help and was quick to punish offenders. A myth explaining this servitude states that a bear had formed the habit of regularly visiting the town of Brauron, and the people there fed it, so that, over time, the bear became tame. Edit [2] [3] Apollo left and Artemis. Learn More in these related Britannica articles:. Both are associated with the bow. Helpful 2 Question: Can someone who is in her mid's still have the attributes of Artemis? Various conflicting accounts are given in Classical Greek mythology regarding the birth of Artemis and Apollo, her twin brother. She wished for no city dedicated to her, but to rule the mountains, and for the ability to help women in the pains of childbirth. Artemis Greek Goddess of the Hunt, Forests and Hills, the Moon, Archery Artemis is known as the goddess of the hunt and is one of the most respected of all the ancient Greek deities. Artemis was furious and killed Chione with her arrow or struck her dumb by shooting off her tongue. During the ancient Greek period, although Artemis was represented as a lunar goddess , she was never portrayed as the moon itself. She had boyfriends, one was Orion, who was accidentally shot with an arrow of hers. The festival begins with a most splendid procession in honor of Artemis, and the maiden officiating as priestess rides last in the procession upon a car yoked to deer. Artemis forgave him but targeted Eurystheus for her wrath. Artemis and Hippolytus Just as she punished the transgressors of the sacred vow, Artemis rewarded those who kept it. Reading his sinful thoughts, Artemis strikes him at Mount Pholoe. Answer: I don't think so, as far as my research takes me, it never indicates that Artemis had any children. In Orchomenus, a sanctuary was built for Artemis Hymnia where her festival was celebrated every year. In the Iliad [34] she came to blows with Hera, when the divine allies of the Greeks and Trojans engaged each other in conflict. When portrayed as a goddess of the moon, Artemis wore a long robe and sometimes a veil covered her head. Artemis played quite a large part in this war. Eventually, Artemis appeared to merge with Diana, the Roman Goddess of the Moon, and they became for all intent and purposes one and the same Goddess. As goddess of the woodland nymphs, she kept her own virginity safe, as well as keeping other women safe from male predators. In some versions, Orion tries to seduce Opis, [28] one of Artemis' followers, and she kills him. She worked hard to keep pregnant and laboring women healthy and safe. Artemis acted out in anger whenever her wishes were disobeyed, especially if anyone transgressed against the animals that were sacred to her. She demanded that young girls "act the bear" at her sanctuary in atonement for the bear's death. This isn't really about maturity; it's about age. She then captured six golden-horned deer to pull her chariot. And she guarded this vow even more vigorously than them. Out of pity, Zeus placed Callisto the bear into the heavens, thus the origin of Callisto the Bear as a constellation. Her twin brother is Apollo, and like him, Artemis is associated with a wide variety of divine attributes. She was Agrotera, a goddess who watched over hunters and blessed them in their endeavors; in yet another contradiction she was the guardian of wild creatures in her guise as Potnia Theron. Homer referred to her as a mistress of wild animals.