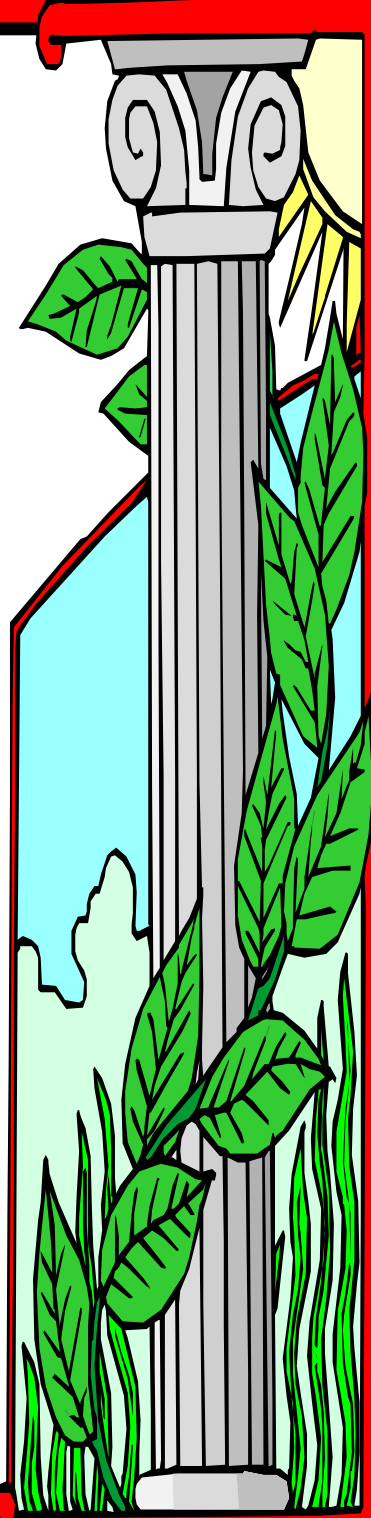


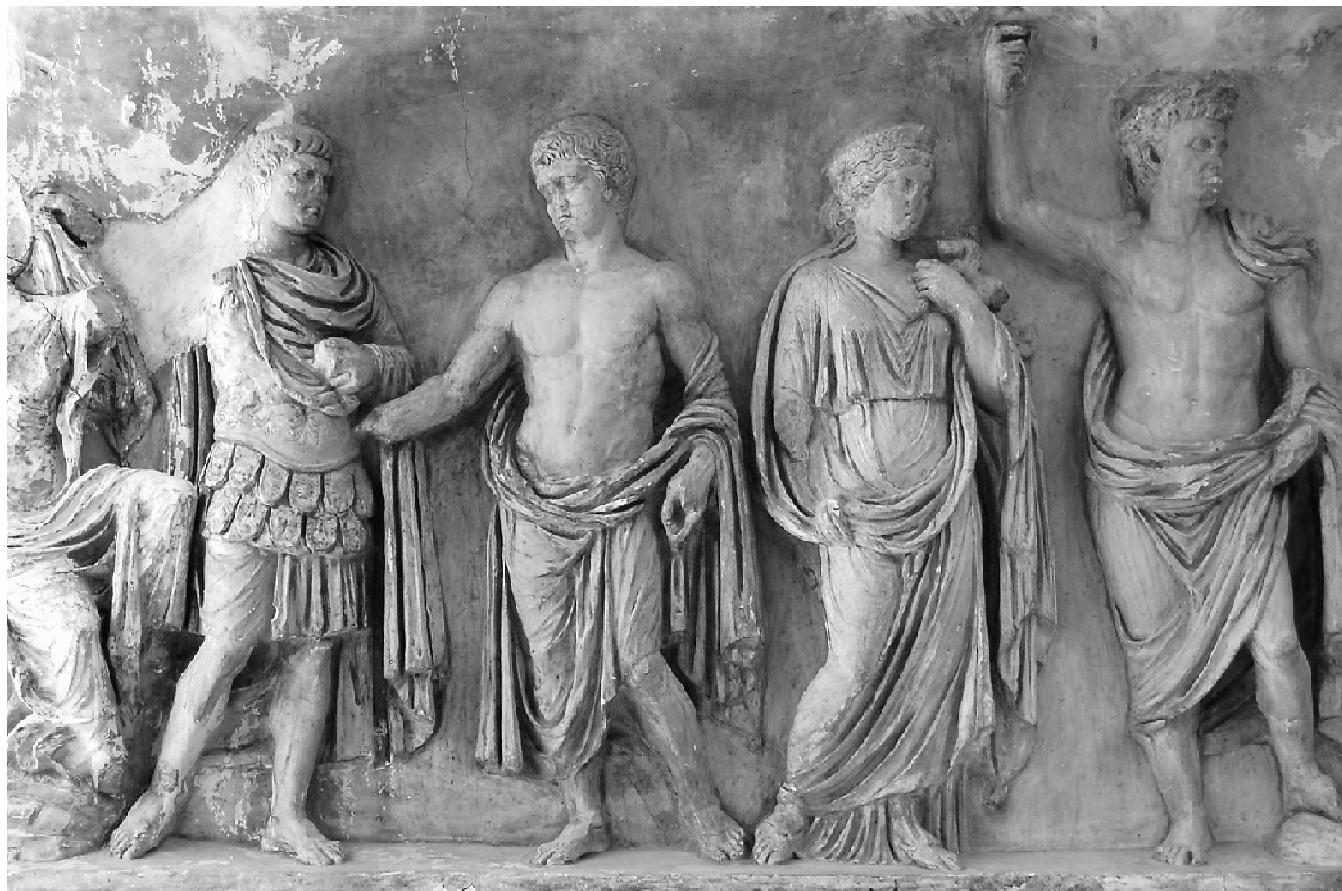
WHO AM I?

ROMAN GODS
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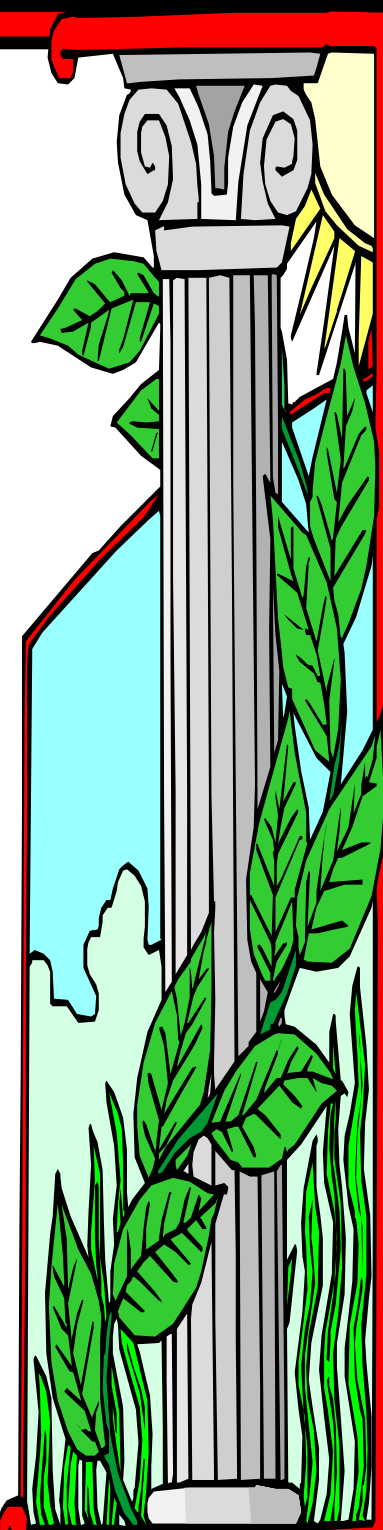


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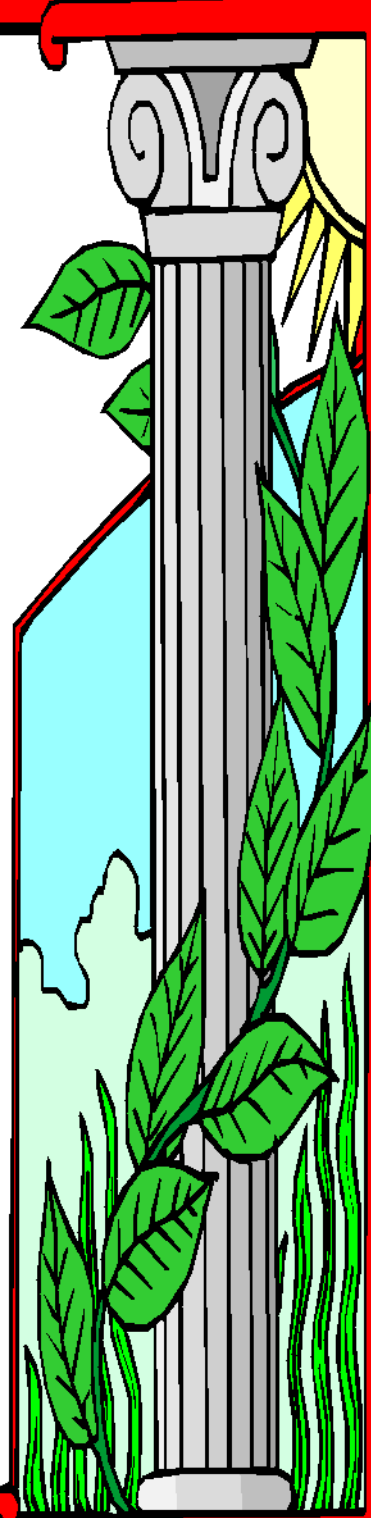
Can you match the names of the Roman gods and goddesses to their descriptions?



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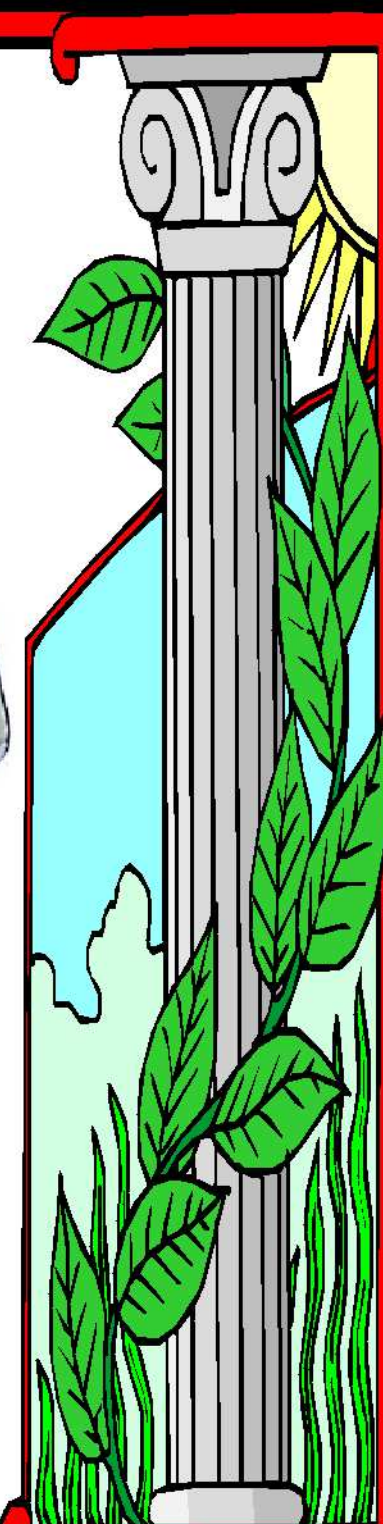
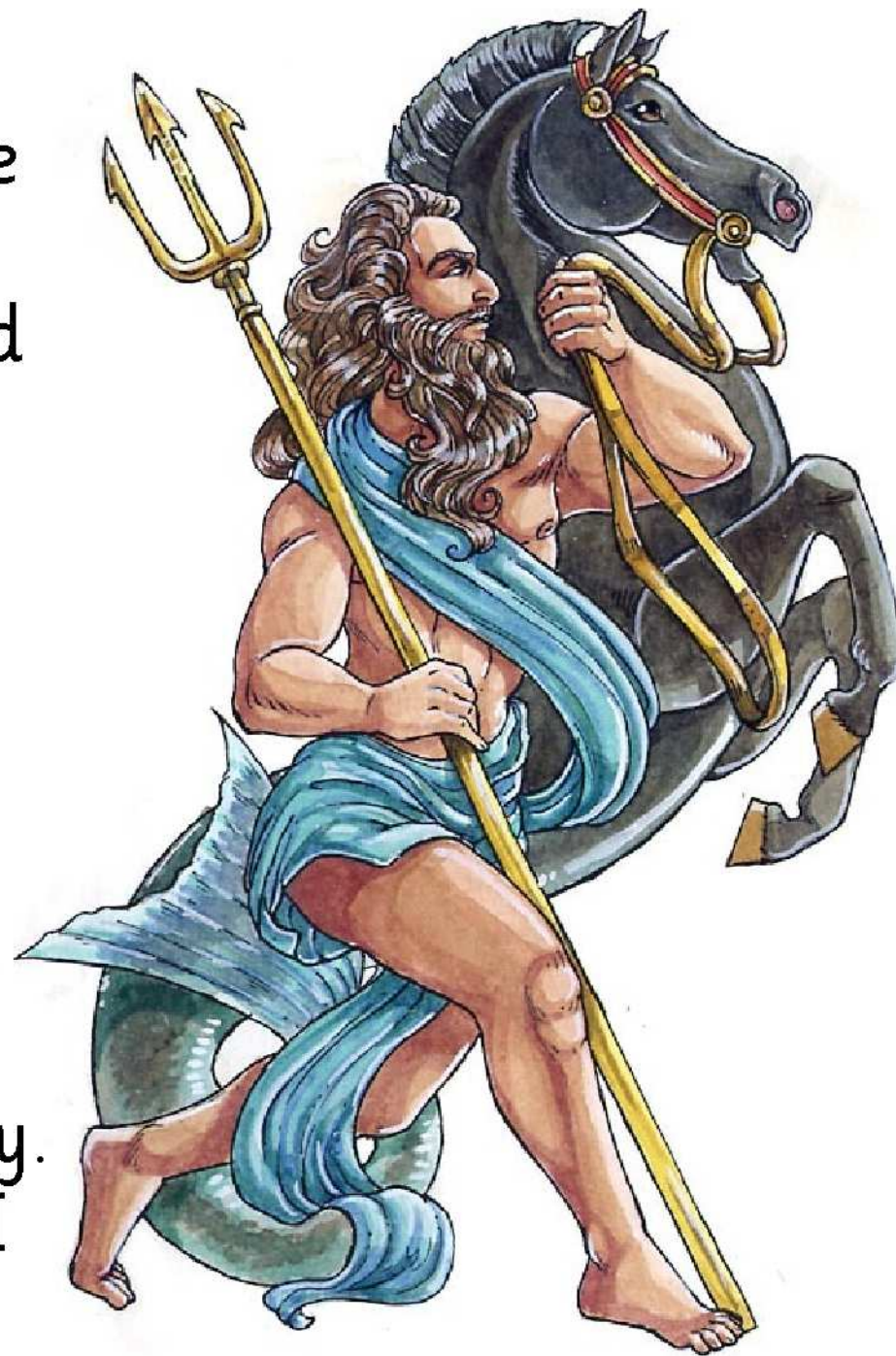
I am the king of the gods and all other gods are terrified of me! Well except for my wife Juno, she is a bit scary herself. My weapon is a Thunderbolt, I use it to call down thunder and lightning on those who anger me. My two brothers and I divided up the world and I chose to rule the air. My name means 'Father Jove' in Latin. I had a big temple on the Capitol in Rome dedicated to me – they called me the Best and Greatest, which is of course true.



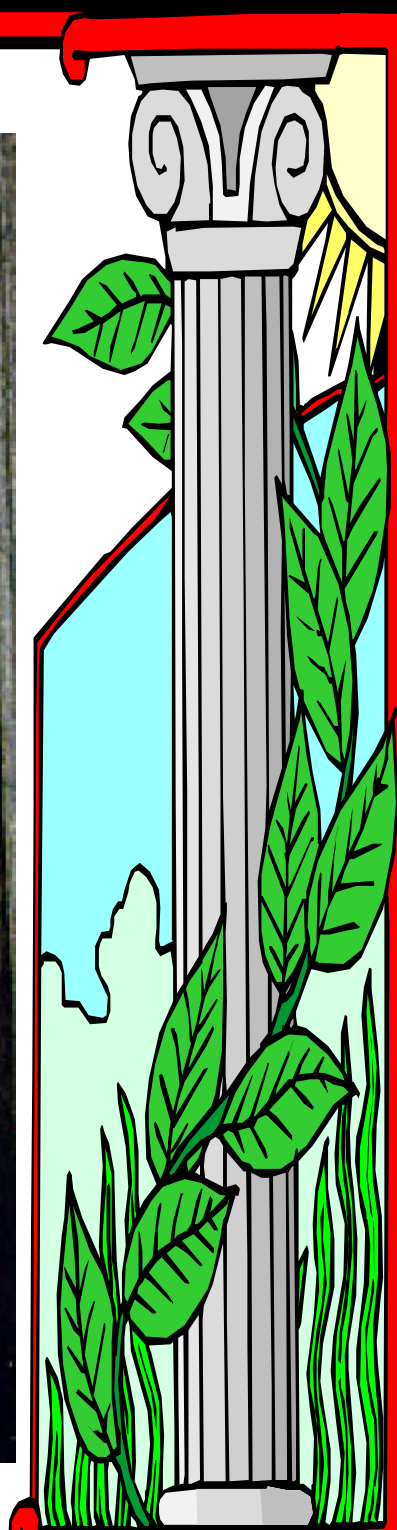
I am the god of the Underworld and it is my job to run it well. Romans were afraid to say my name because they thought I might notice them and bring them down into the Underworld. I have an invisible helmet, a golden chariot and my beautiful three-headed dog, Cerberus.



I am the god of the sea.
I carry a trident and ride
either a dolphin or a
horse. I am also the god
of earthquakes; people
call me Earth-shaker. I
am very powerful. If I
raise my hand a new
island may appear!
People are a little afraid
of me and often bring
gifts to my temples,
hoping to keep me happy.
It works sometimes but I
am a little moody.



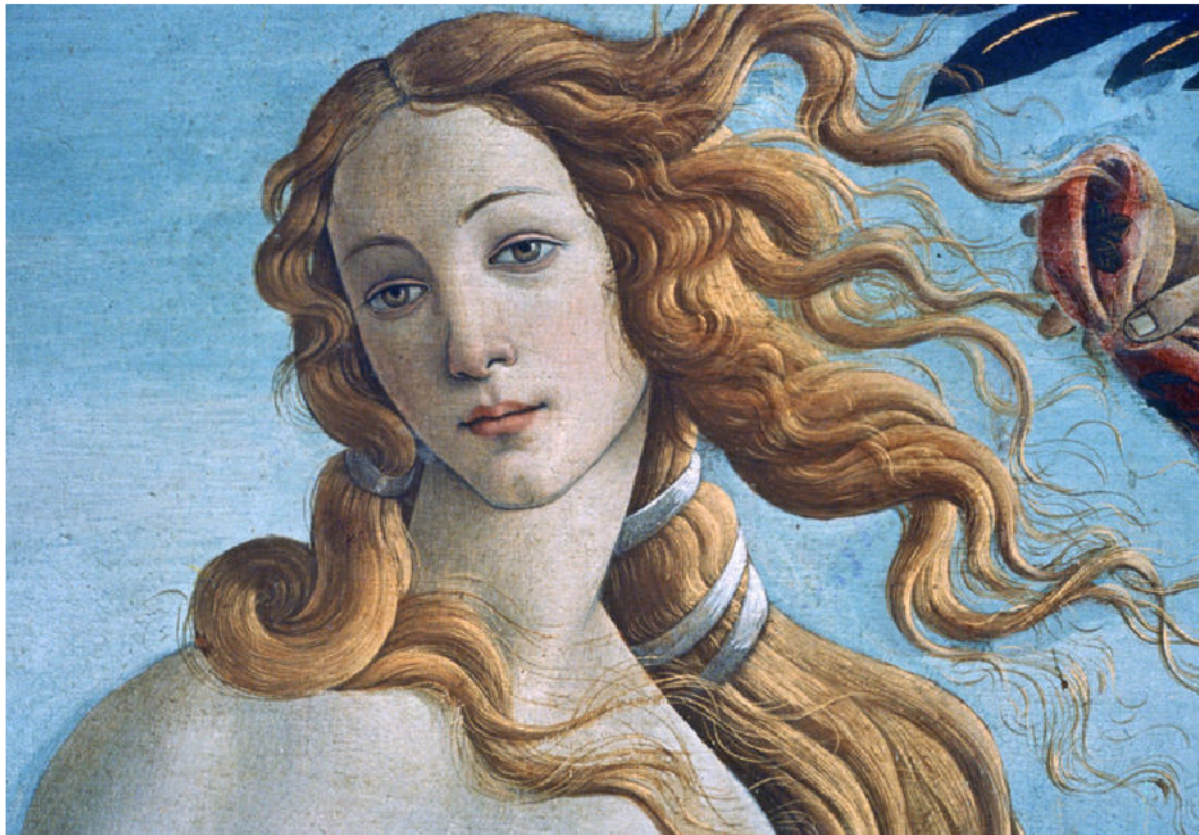
I am the goddess of wisdom. My symbol is the owl. My birth was quite strange; one day Jupiter had a bad headache which nothing could cure. Eventually Vulcan split open Jupiter's head and out I jumped, complete with armour, a shield and a spear! I am also the goddess of arts and crafts. I have the head of the gorgon Medusa on my shield.



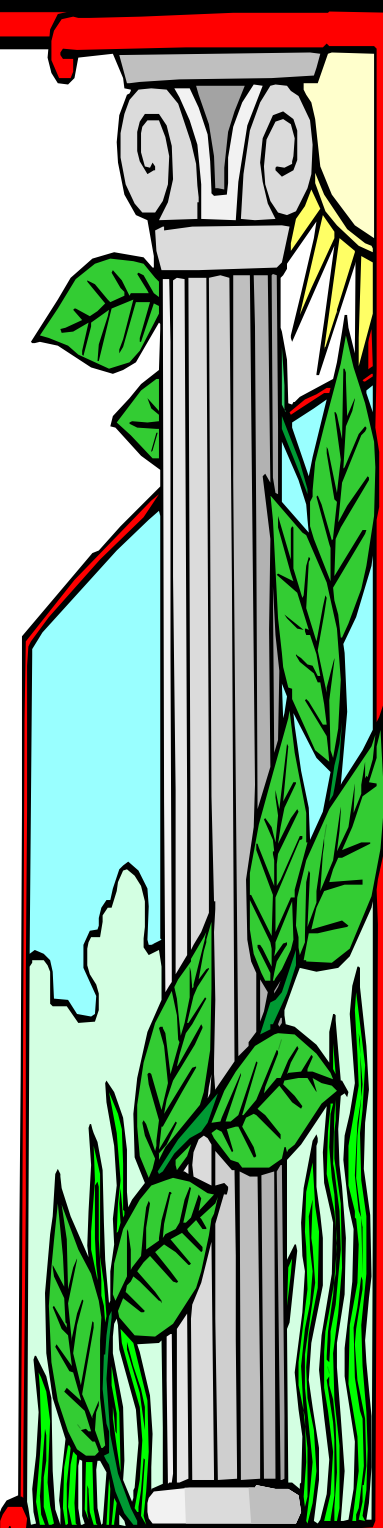
I am the god of the sun.
Every day I drive my
chariot of fiery horses
across the sky to give light
to the world. I am also the
god of music and enjoy
playing the lyre. My most
famous temple was at
Delphi in Greece. My
priestess would tell the
future though they were
not always easy to
understand. I am also the
god of music and light.



I am the goddess of love and beauty, the daughter of Jupiter and the mother of Cupid. I was born in the sea and first came to shore at Cyprus, floating on a scallop shell. I don't like to cause trouble but sometimes I do accidentally. Some people say it was my vanity that caused the Trojan War.



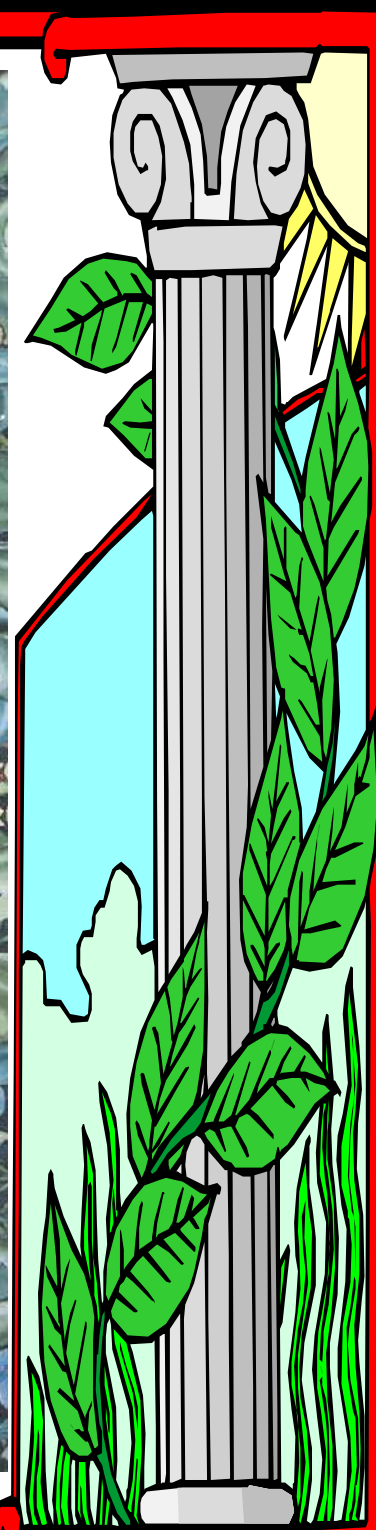
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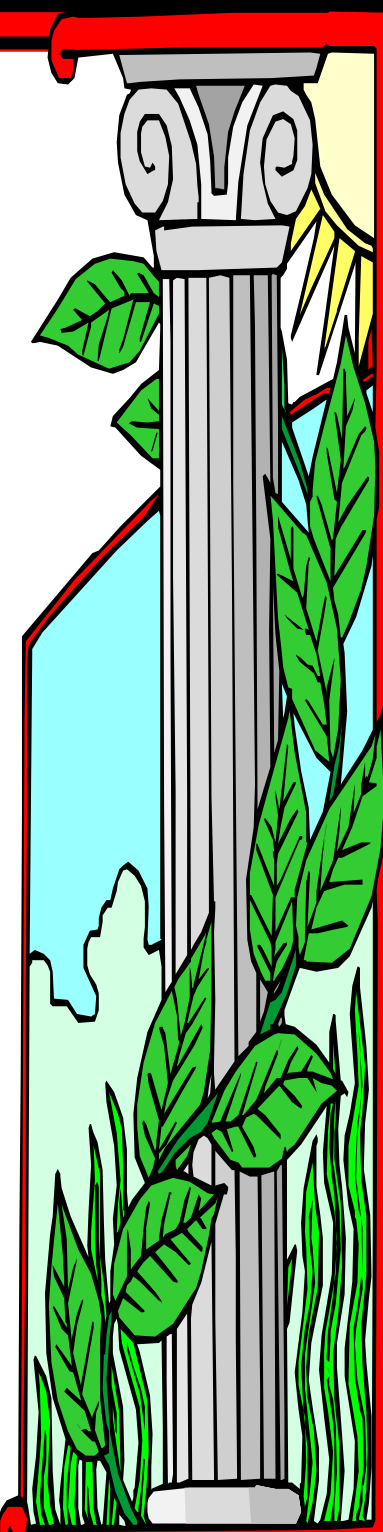
I am the Earth goddess and the goddess of corn. I sometimes carry a horn full of vegetables and fruit called a cornucopia. Each year my daughter Proserpine has to spend six months in the Underworld with Pluto. When she is away I stop everything growing and winter comes.



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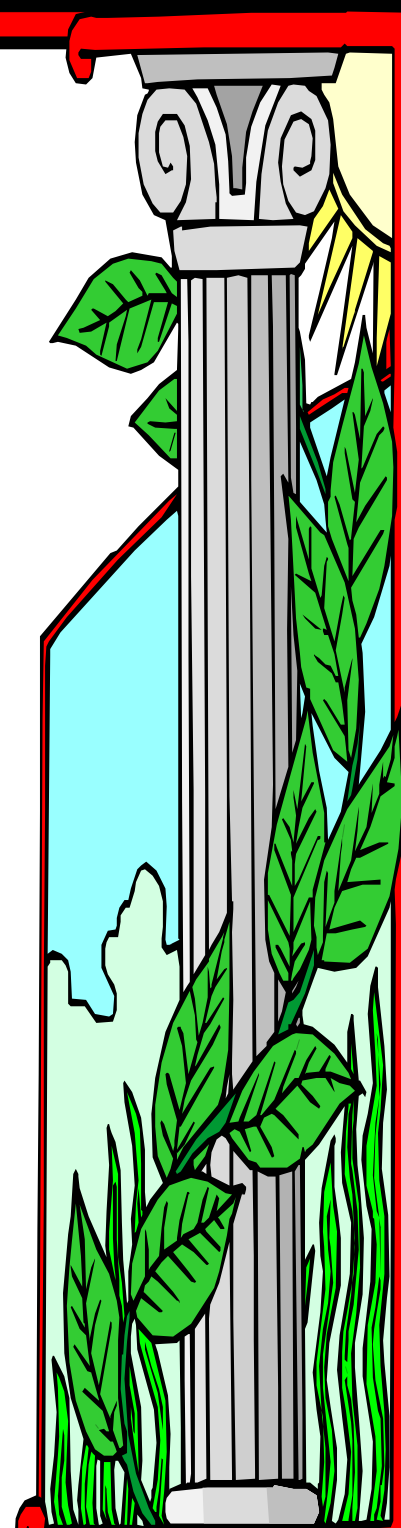
I am a very important Roman god because I am the god of War! I don't really care who wins a battle, I just like to see bloodshed. Not many people like me; they say I am mean and self-centred. My friend Discordia (the spirit of disagreement) travels everywhere with me. We also take with us the spirits of Pain, Panic, Famine and Oblivion.



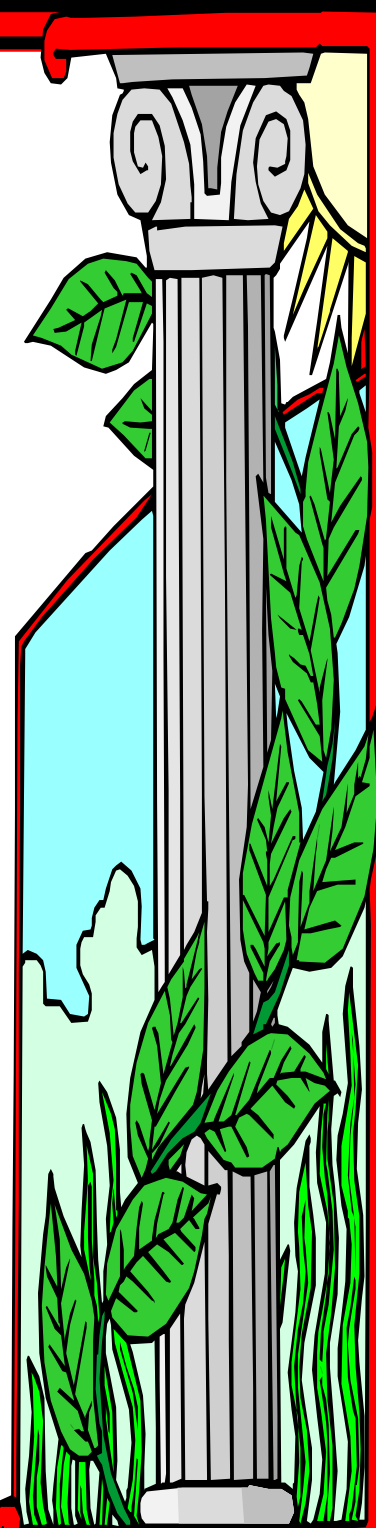
I am the goddess of the moon and of hunting. I carry a bow and arrows. One day I was bathing in a forest pool when I spotted a hunter spying on me. To teach him a lesson I turned him into a stag and he was chased by his own hunting dogs! Some people say I am cold and pitiless but I love my floppy-eared hunting dogs!



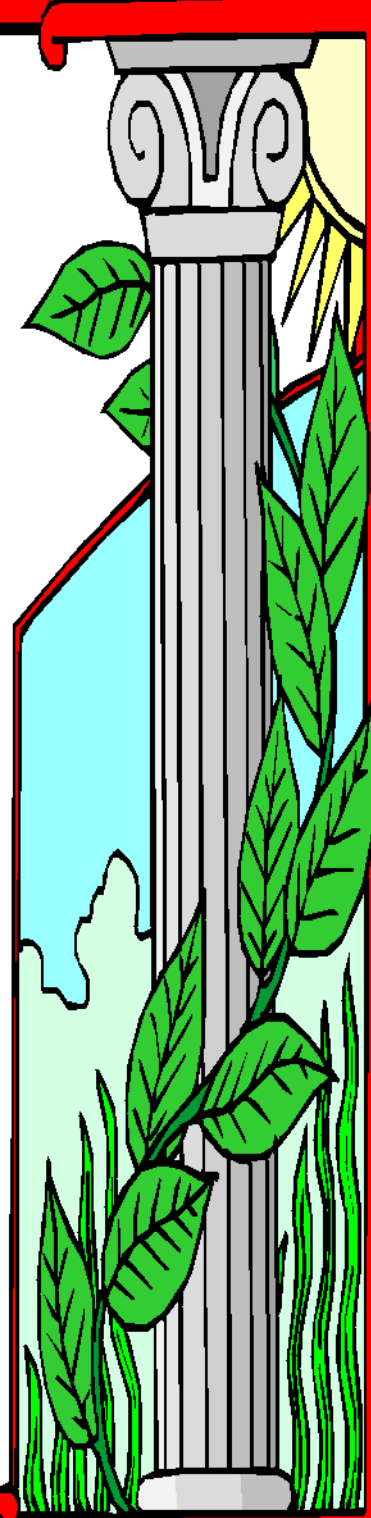
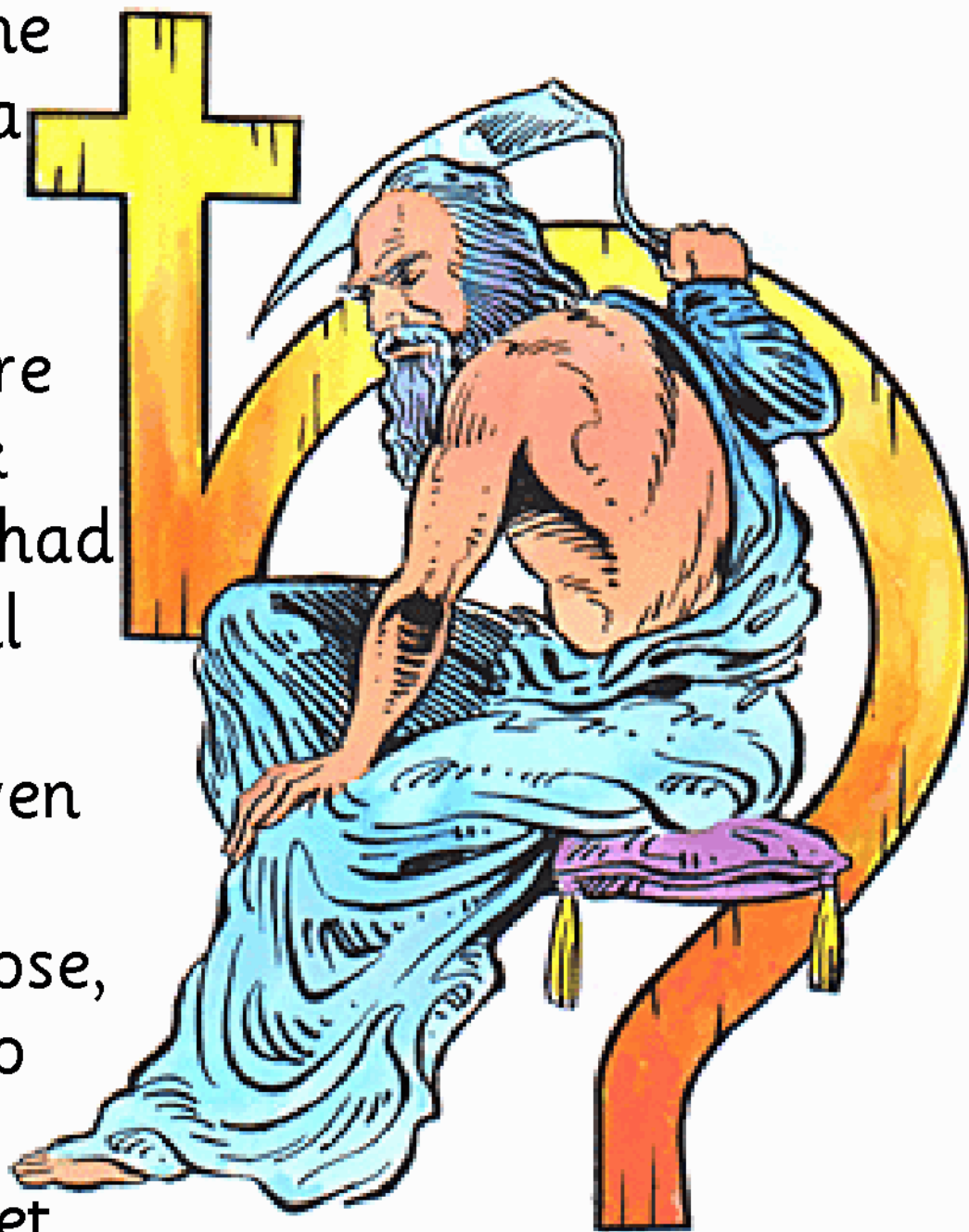
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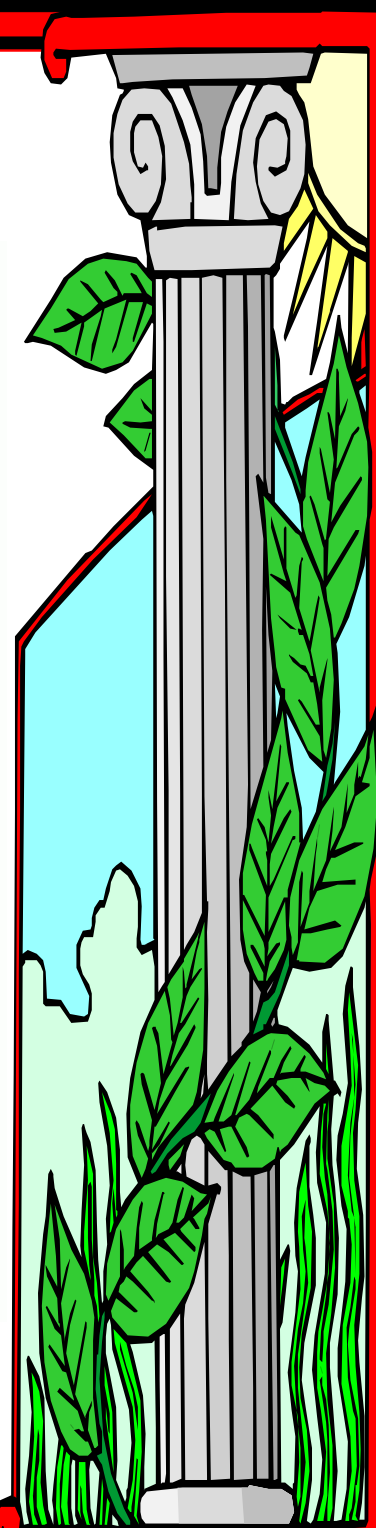
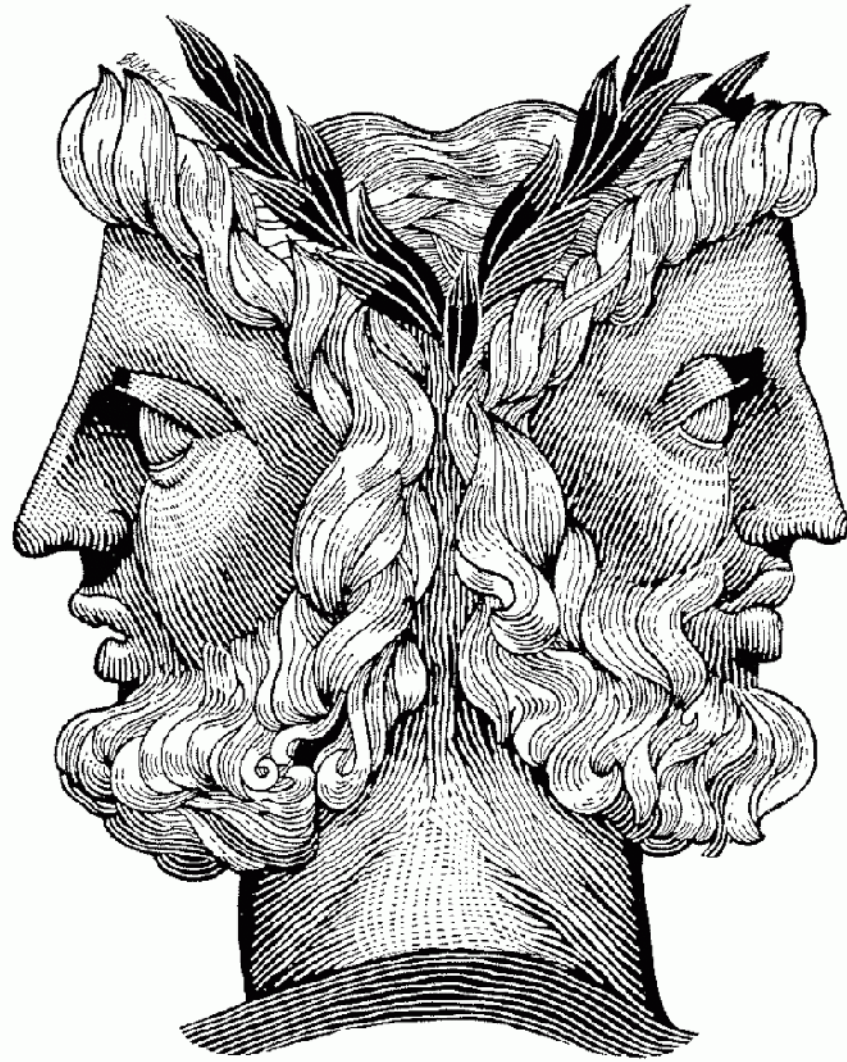
I am the smith of the gods, and make Jupiter's thunderbolts. I work at my smithy inside the volcano Mount Etna, in Sicily. Once, I made Jupiter angry, and he threw me out of Heaven. I fell to Earth and broke my legs, which made me lame. I have a winged wheel-chair. I made golden women to help me in my smithy – the first robots!



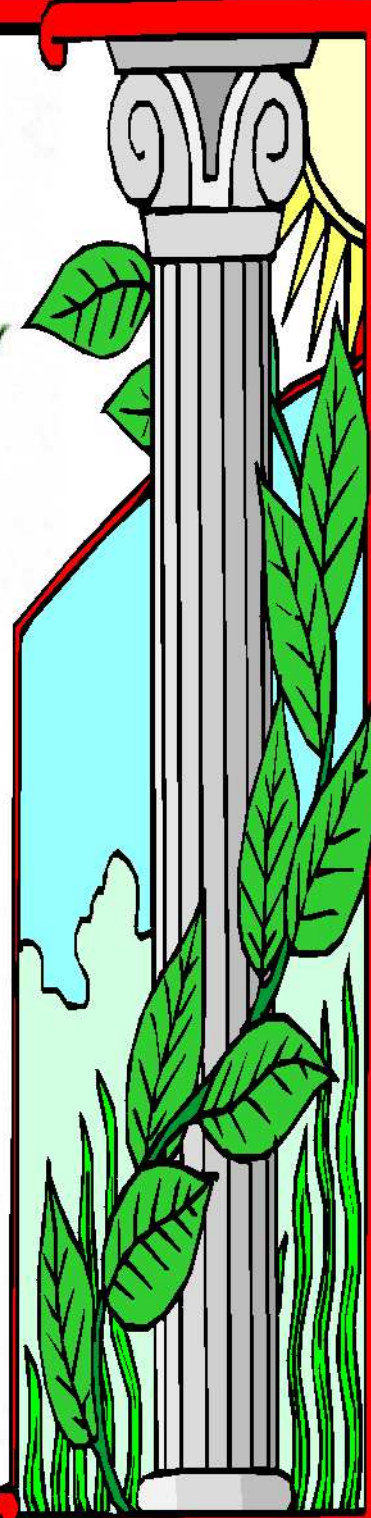
I am the god of Time and my weapon is a scythe. I am called Old Father Time. I ruled the gods before my son Jupiter took over. The Romans had a mid-winter festival held in my honour which lasted for seven days. Schools and businesses would close, parents gave toys to children, and there was a public banquet.



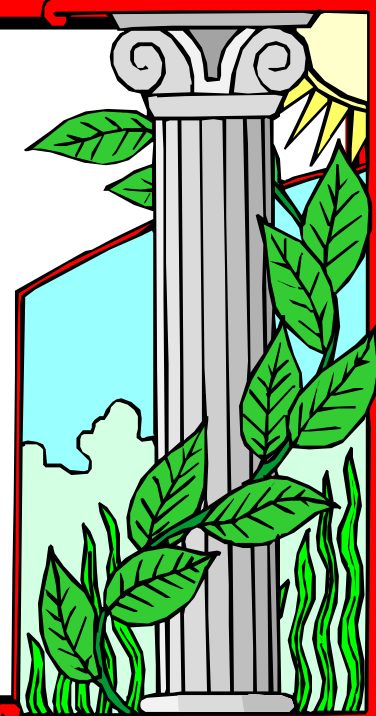
I guard the gate of Heaven, so I became god of doors and gates. I am very important because a house is only as strong as its doors. I have two faces, one looking forwards and the other looking back. The first month of the year is named after me because that is a time when we look back at the last year, and forward to the next.



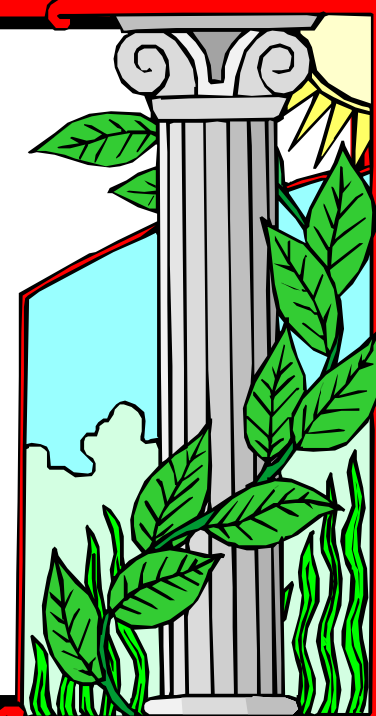
I am the Messenger of the gods, son of Jupiter and Maia. I am also the god of travellers, thieves, science and business – I am a very busy god! My winged hat and sandals let me fly around quickly. I also carry a staff which has wings and two snakes winding round it.



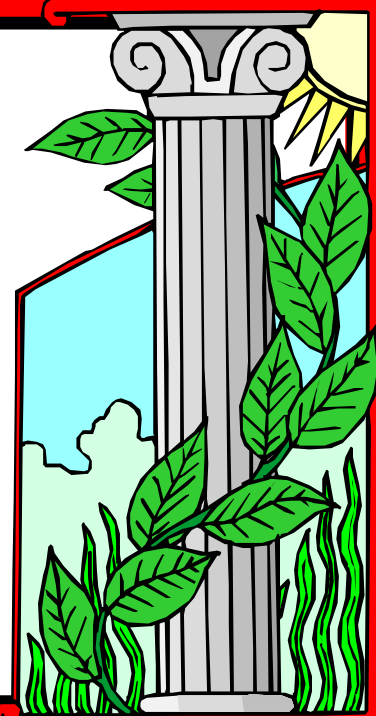
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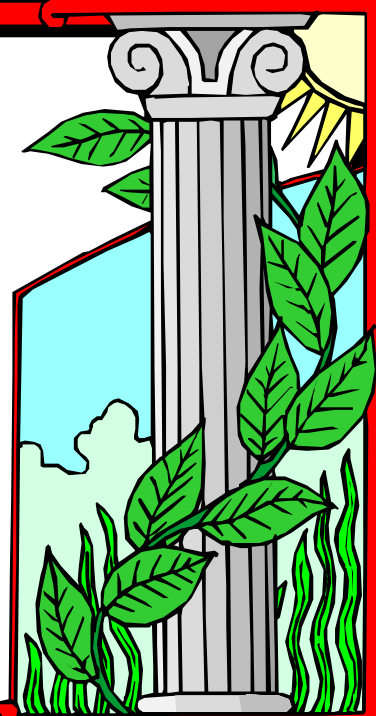
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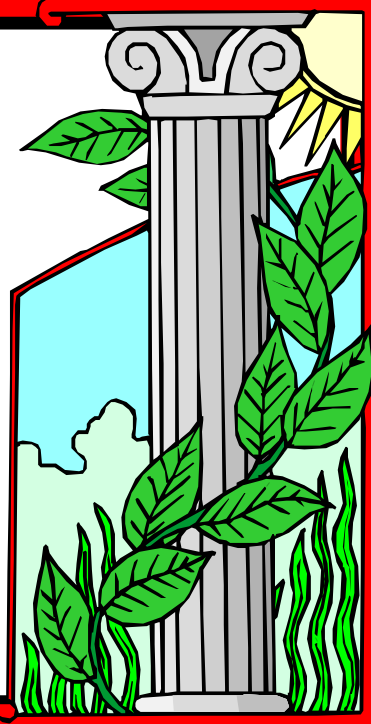
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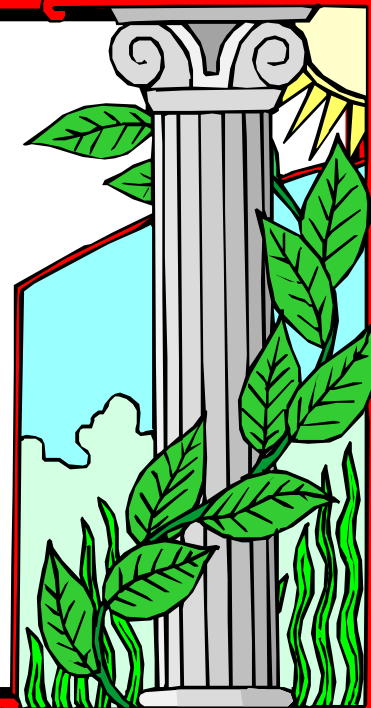
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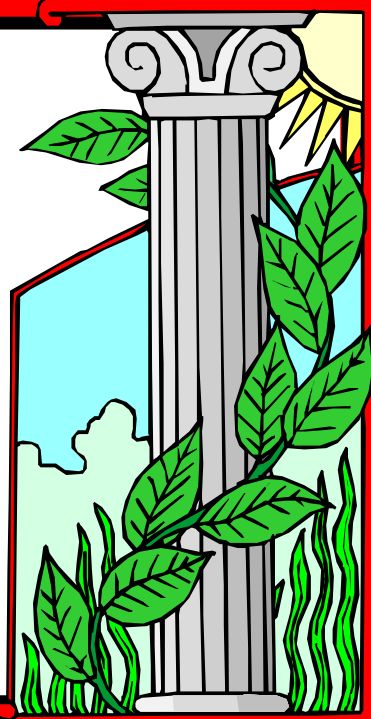
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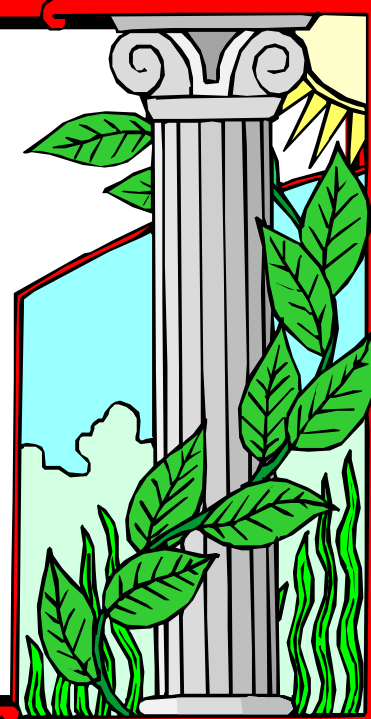
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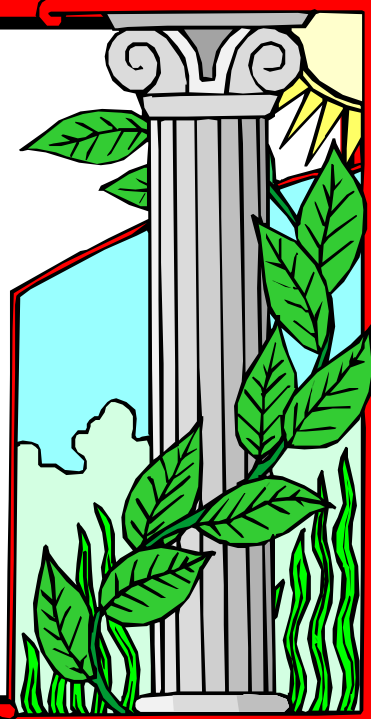
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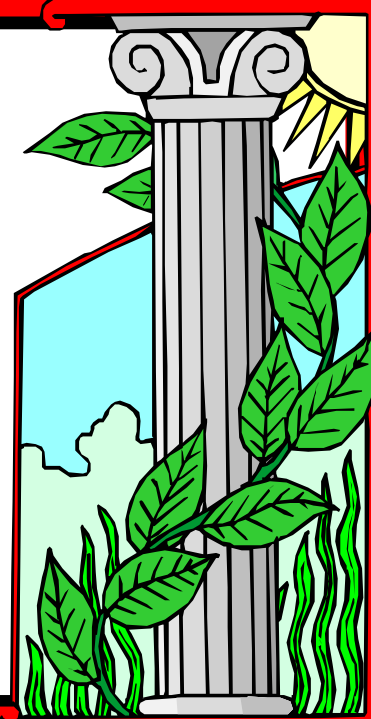
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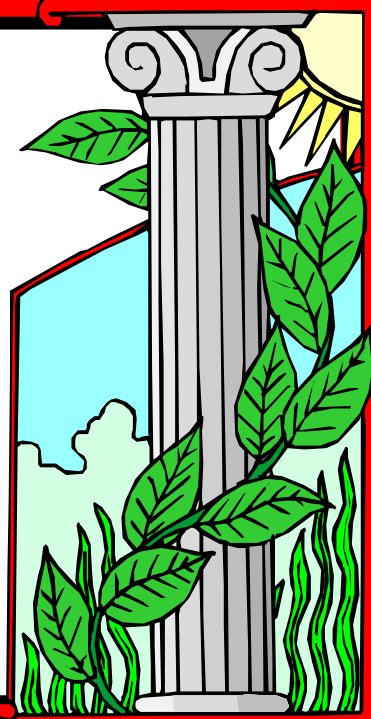
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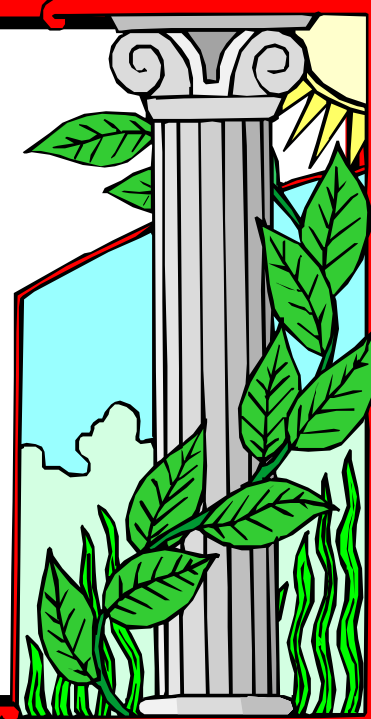
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