



**Module 5: Ancient Rome**  
**Topic 2 Content: Roman Gods and Goddesses**

**Introduction**

# ROMAN GODS AND GODDESSES

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**Jupiter**



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Greek equivalent: Zeus

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**Juno**



# Juno

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Greek equivalent: Hera

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#### Neptune



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Greek equivalent: Poseidon

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**Minerva**



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Greek equivalent: Athena

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#### Venus



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**Diana**



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#### Apollo



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**Pluto**



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GREEK EQUIVALENT: HADES



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