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**GREEK GODS SERIES**

# Hestia



The Greeks recognized two fire deities: Hephaestus and Hestia. As goddess of hearth and home, Hestia ruled both sacred state fires and those that helped the household. Symbols associated with her relate to helpful fire and homes, like hearths, candles, and sacrificial animals like pigs.

Hestia was often thought to be the oldest of all six children of Cronus and Rhea. She had no husband or lovers. In fact, she swore an oath to never take a partner. Aphrodite was said to have no power over her at all!



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2. Which of the following fires would *not* be controlled by Hestia?

- a. public hearth      b. volcano      c. wall candle      d. cooking fire

3. Did Hestia have any children? Why or why not?

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4. What is a *sanctuary*?

- a. sacred place      b. bedroom      c. strong cage      d. doorway

5. Fat burns hot and for a long time. Why might pigs be symbols for Hestia?

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# ANSWER KEY

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5. Fat burns hot and for a long time. Why might pigs be symbols for Hestia?

**Pigs have a lot of fat, so they could keep fires lit for a long time.**

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