Athena Fact File  
  
Who was Athena?  
  
Athena is the Goddess of War in Greece. She is a brave, fierce woman who always stood up to the challenge. She is the daughter of Zeus (Ruler of Gods); no mother bore her. She sprang from Zeus's head, full grown and clothed in armour.  
  
Family  
  
Athena was born in 525 BC from Zeus's forehead. Athena had quite a big family, Zeus was her father, her mother is Metis, her uncles are Poseidon (God of Sea) and Hades (God of The Underworld). Oemeter, Hera and Hestia.  
  
Symbol and Animal  
  
Athena rules Greek War alongside Ares. Her symbol is the spear, one of the main weapons in war, and her animal is and her animal is an owl, truth is behind this is that an owl sat on Athena's blind side so she could get the truth.  
  
Trojan War  
  
Athena also fought in the Trojan War. She was on the Greek side, encouraging Odysseus and Epeios to build a giant wooden horse to gain access to Tenedos.  
  
Origins  
  
To start, Athena was a Aegean Palace Goddess. She is said to be closely related to the city as well. She is said to have been born from Zeus's head. Athena bested Poseidon in a competition over patronage of the city by creating the first olive tree.