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Artemis



The skilled and caring goddess of the hunt presided over animals and nature. She also protected children. Whereas her twin brother Apollo was paired with the sun, Artemis was paired with the moon. Common symbols include crescent moons and things associated with hunting, like deer, bows and arrows, and pelts.

Artemis and Apollo were children of Zeus. Unlike Apollo, Artemis vowed never to have a lover. She preferred to run free with nymphs in the forest. Artemis remained a maiden goddess forever, and even punished a mortal man for



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2. What celestial bodies are Artemis and her brother associated with?

3. Did Artemis have children? Why or why not?

4. Based on context, what must *nymphs* be?

- a. city-dwellers b. mortal men c. gods d. nature spirits

5. Why would rural populations have especially loved Artemis?

ANSWER KEY

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Answers may vary: Rural populations rely on nature and she protected it.