## HADES

**Greek name** Άιδης **Latin name** Pluto **Name in your language** 

Parents Cronus and Rhea Role King of the Underworld Home Underworld Attributes cornucopia, chariot, pomegranate, keys Pets Cerberus, snakes

Hades was the king of the Underworld (his kingdom was so-called because the ancient Greeks believed that it was placed underground). When people on Earth died, the Greeks thought that their souls were retrieved and brought to the Underworld. Hades' kingdom was therefore inhabited by the souls of the dead, all under his rule. Because of this tough job, most people thought Hades to be evil. Just the opposite, Hades was rather righteous and responsible for maintaining the balance between the world of the living and the dead. Sure, he had an animal to keep him company: Cerberus, a three-headed dog guarding the gates of the Underworld. But a kingdom can be such a lonely place without a queen. The desire for a queen led Hades to kidnap Persephone, Demeter's beautiful daughter, and to make her rule at his side. Demeter was a warm and caring mother and firmly stood up against this union.

Check out Demeter's ID and find out what she did trying to keep Persephone at home and how the story ended!

