

The Nature of Sea Deities

Characterize the main sea-deities we have seen in terms of the categories below. Some may not be definable in all categories; some may fit more than one element or fall between elements in the same category.

Categories:

- A. personification or anthropomorphic deity;
- B. monster, deity, immortal, not-mortal;
- C. frightening, helpful, neutral, ambivalent;
- D. divinely powerful over nature; with superhuman "powers" that do not really affect humans; with superhuman "powers" that do or can affect humans; with minimal superhuman powers; in a completely different category of powers;
- E. still powerful in the real world (of historical Greeks); pertaining mainly to the previous heroic age and not likely to be encountered in the real world

Deities (choose some)

1. Poseidon
2. Amphitrite
3. Nereids
4. Proteus
5. Pontus
6. Harpies
7. Graeae
8. Gorgons
9. Oceanus
10. Oceanids
11. Sirens