



Demeter is the goddess of corn, harvest, and seasons. Instead of living on Mt. Olympus with the other gods and goddesses she lives on earth. She has a daughter Persephone who she lives out her life through. Demeter's sacred animal is the pig and her bird is the screech owl. She has a temple in Eleusis, Greece.

Demeter has a daughter Persephone who was being watched by the god Hades. One day while Persephone was walking in a meadow Hades opened a hole in the ground and dragged her into the Underworld. Demeter heard her daughter's scream echoed throughout the earth and rushed over the land and sea to find her. Demeter walked the earth looking for her daughter, and during that time she was very sad and she did not give her gifts to the earth and all the plants and trees died. The other gods saw what was happening on earth and demanded Hades return Persephone to earth so the humans would not die. Hades let Persephone come up to earth, but she had to spend three months out of every year with Hades in the Underworld. During these months is winter because Demeter is sad that Persephone is gone, and spring is when Persephone first comes back all the plants and trees start to come back. Then in the summer, they are in full bloom. The fall is when Demeter starts to become sad realizing that Persephone will soon leave for the Underworld.