



Hermes's Roman name is Mercury. He is the messenger of the gods. Hermes wears winged sandals and a winged hat. He also carries his magic wand, Caduceus. He is the most commonly known god. Hermes is shrewd, cunning, and a trickster. He is a master thief and guides the dead. He also created the lyre and gave it to his fellow god, Apollo.

The god Perseus attends a ball to celebrate the wedding of the evil king, Polydectes, and his mother, Danae. In ancient times, it was proper for every guest to bring a gift for the bride-to-be. Perseus, however, had nothing to give. He proposed to kill Medusa and bring back the head as a gift. Medusa is one of the three Gorgon sisters. They have snaky hair, scaly skin, and anyone who makes eye contact with them turns to stone, and can never be brought back to life. Perseus set off to find Medusa. Along the way, he finds Hermes, the guide and giver of good. Hermes has a plan to help Perseus in his task. He is going to guide Perseus to the Gray Women himself. The Gray Women are the ones who had the information needed to find Medusa. Hermes supplied Perseus with the sword that Perseus would use to attack and kill Medusa. This was not an ordinary sword. It could not be bent or broken no matter how hard the scales of Medusa were. Along with Hermes, the goddess Athena also assisted Perseus. With their help, Perseus killed Medusa. He returned with the head, and turned the evil king and all his servants to stone.