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REMARKABLE WOMEN

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LEGENDS UNIVERSAL MOTHERS

The legends and lore of bygone civilizations are full of epic tales, magic and gods. Our ancient ancestors always gave the highest honours to male gods. . . didn't they?

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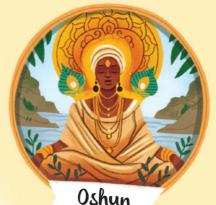
The Egyptian goddess **Isis** was queen of the universe. She was one of the most important gods – not just in Egypt, but throughout the ancient Mediterranean. There was no greater sorcerer than Isis, who was a healer and had power over death itself! As the divine mother of the Egyptian kings (known as pharaohs), it was to Isis that people turned for protection.





There are powerful goddesses in other cultures, too.

Oshun, a water goddess of the Yoruba people in West Africa, is one of the divine beings who created the world and cared for human beings! Amaterasu is from Japan. Like Isis, she's the mother of kings. People worshipped Amaterasu because she was royalty. . . didn't they?



OH NO THEY

Amaterasu is a sun goddess. Without her, there would be no warmth or light for growing food.

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Did you know that Amaterasu has two younger brothers? Tsukuyomi is the moon god and Susanoo is a trickster god of storms. Tsukuyomi behaved so badly at a banquet once that his older sister hasn't spoken to him since – that's why the moon and sun don't share the sky. Susanoo also behaved badly, leaving a poop on his sister's throne! Amaterasu was so offended that she shut herself in a cave, plunging the world into darkness. It was only after Susanoo was kicked out of Heaven that Amaterasu brought the sun back.

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FEARLESS FIGHTERS

Ancient cultures only worshipped female gods as mother figures. . . didn't they?

OH NO THEY DIDN'T!

Many goddesses were formidable warriors. Ishtar, also known as Inanna, was honoured as the queen of heaven by the ancient peoples of Mesopotamia. She's often shown dressed in battle-ready armour with lions at her side as symbols of power.



Another goddess associated with war was Freyja, worshipped by the Norse people, who we sometimes call Vikings. She's famous because she ruled Asgard, the land of the gods, as the wife of the god Odin. . . didn't she?





Did you know that Freyja rode a chariot pulled by flying cats? What a purr-fect way to travel! Sometimes Freyja is called Queen of the Valkyries, an all-female company of armoured soldiers who rode winged horses. It was their job to select the bravest of fallen warriors and lead them to a magical hall of the gods called Valhalla.

Athena was an Ancient Greek goddess of war, fighting alongside chosen warriors with supreme skill. One of her symbols was the owl, a bird as wise as she was.





Did you know that Athena was also the goddess of crafts? She was the ultimate divinity - incredibly strong as well as super-smart!