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**1. Consider the god(dess) assigned to you. (The same one involved in questions 6-8 below.) What is most 'human' about her or him? What single story could tell us all we mortals need to know about him or her?**

Artemis was an Olympian goddess of wild animals, the wilderness and hunting. She was also the goddess of childbirth and she protected girl children up to the age of marriage. The name is derived from artemes, meaning; healthy, vigorous and giver of health. Artemis was the daughter of Zeus and Leto, although according to Pausanias she was the daughter of Demeter and not Leto. She had a brother named Apollo with whom <sup>she</sup> they share the date of birth in the island of Delos. The ancient artists usually depicted Artemis as a girl dressed in a short Chiton and carrying a bow and arrows.

What is most human about her is that she averted evil, that is she alleviated suffering in the mortals. In one instance she healed Aeneas and carried him into Apollo's Temple. In the Trojan War in which she sided with the Trojans, she looked upon a man whose household was thriving up to his old age.

Unlike the other goddesses in the Greek mythology, Artemis was ~~born of a woman~~ therefore she knew motherly love. She displayed the women aspects such as Virginity, the crone and the mother. Being a virgin meant that she was complete without relationship. In her childbirth, she felt compassion for her mother who was forbidden from giving birth on land and in sea, the labor pain she underwent and Zeus' banishment. She supported women

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way - but probably not!

whom? no: her mother Leto is in 250 copies