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- Do not play when you are drowsy or fatigued.

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# Chapter 1: Getting Started

In Age of Mythology you determine the fate of one of nine civilizations. To be successful, you must gather resources, build your empire, research improvements, train an army, and appease the gods. Survive long enough and you will be able to advance your civilization through the ages.

# Installation

To install *Age of Mythology*, insert the *Age of Mythology* CD 1 into your CD-ROM drive. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the setup process. If installation fails to start automatically, complete the following steps:

- 1 Insert the Age of Mythology CD 1 into you CD-ROM drive.
- 2 On the Start menu, click RUN.
- 3 Type D:\setup.exe (where D: is your CD-ROM drive).
- 4 Click OK.

Follow the onscreen instructions to complete setup.

# Main Menu

Learn to Play—Start the learning campaign or watch brief cinematics that explain playing a Nørse or Egyptian civilization.

**Campaign**—Play the single-player campaign or load a saved campaign game.

Single Player—Start a random map game, play a scenario, or load a saved single-player game.

Multiplayer—Start an ESO, LAN, or Direct IP game.

Options—Customize game settings.

More—View recorded games, start the scenario editor, view history, and list in-game credits.

Exit—Leave Age of Mythology.

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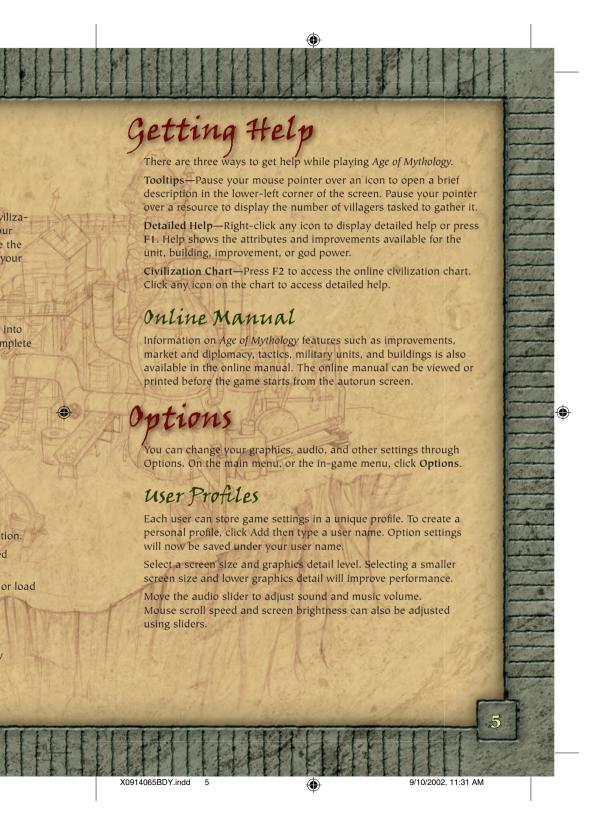
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**Allow Audio Taunts**—Select to hear scripted audio taunts between players.

Allow Camera Rotation—Select to enable rotation of the mini map. Press < CTRL> and the arrow keys or the mouse wheel to rotate the mini map.

Full Rollover Help—Select to view help in the rollover help panel.

**Show Idle Military Banner**—Select to display a banner whenever military units are idle.

**One-Click Garrison**—Select to garrison selected units by right-clicking a building.

Attack Move—Select to attack enemy units along movement path.

**Play in a Window**—Select to play *Age of Mythology* in a window, rather than full screen.

**Show Build Status Messages**—Select for notification whenever buildings, research, or unit production is completed.

# Edit Hotkeys

Click to set up or change hotkeys.

Click Save when all options have been set.

# Save and Exit

Save Game—On the in-game menu, click Save Game. In the Save Game dialog box, type a name for the game, and then click OK.

Load Saved Game—On the main menu, click Single Player, and then click Load Saved Game. In the Load Saved Game dialog box, select a previously saved game.

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Exit Game—On the in-game menu, click Quit Game.

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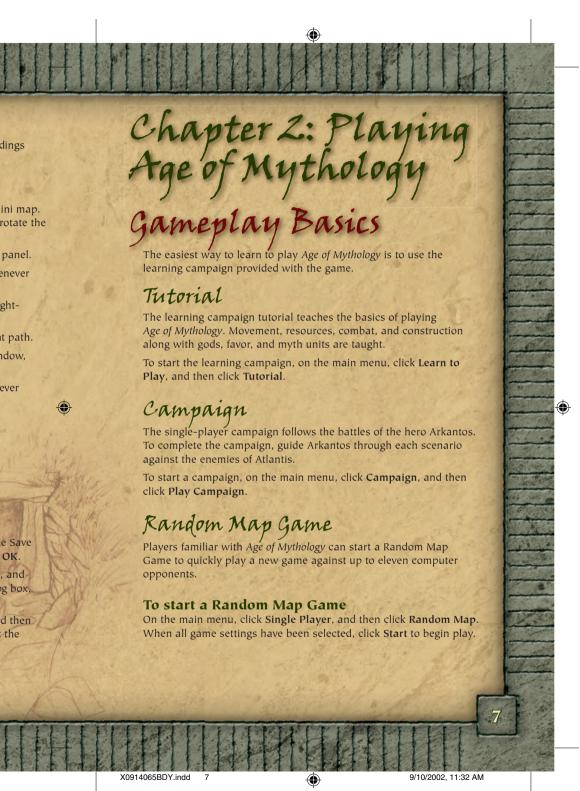
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wood, gold, and favor. You must be able to balance the collection of these resources for your civilization to prosper. Resources are gathered by Laborers (Egyptian), Villagers (Greek), and Gatherers/ Dwarves (Norse), and are stockpiled in the Town Center, Granaries, Storehouses, Lumber Camps, Mining Camps, and Ox Carts. Fishing ships deposit their food at the Dock. To simplify resource descriptions, all resource gathering units are referred to as Villagers.

The Norse civilization can create a Dwarf unit that specializes in mining gold.

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### Wood

Wood is gathered from trees and is a primary building material for Greek and Norse civilizations. Egyptians do not use wood to build. To gather wood, select a Villager and then right-click a tree.



# Gold

This precious yellow metal is found in deposits near the earth's surface. Gold serves as currency for financing your units, buildings, and technology research. To gather gold, select a Villager and then right-click a gold mine.



### Favor

The goodwill—or favor—of the gods is required for the creation of mythical units as well as researching mythical improvements that advance your culture. There is a 100-point limit on favor for all civilizations, with one exception: a Greek civilization worshiping Zeus has a favor limit of 200.

**Greeks**—Earn favor by assigning Villagers to pray at a temple. Select a Villager and then right-click a temple to pray.

Egyptians—Earn favor by building monuments to the gods. Egyptians can build five different monuments, but they must be built one at a time. Each monument increases in size, resource cost, build time, and favor generation.



The monuments of Isis prevent your enemies from using their god powers against you within a certain radius of the monument.

Norse—Earn favor by engaging in battle. All damage dealt to opposing units, buildings, and animals by Norse military units increases favor. Norse Gatherers who are assigned to hunt animals for food also generate favor. Norse heroes earn more favor than other units. Norse mythological units never earn favor.

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Greeks and Norse use wood and gold for building construction. The Egyptians do not use wood for construction. Assign Villagers to construct buildings.

### To construct a building

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To build more than one of the same building, press and hold Shift, and then click multiple locations on the map.

Buildings that produce units have designated gather points. Gather points determine where units produced in that building gather. To choose a new gather point, select the building, then right-click a location on the map. Or click New Gather Point on the command panel then right-click the location on the map for units to gather.

Population

Population is based on Town Centers and Houses. Each civilization can build ten Houses. To expand your population beyond this amount, you must capture a settlement.

Tip

To capture a settlement, build a Town Center on it.

Settlements are the only place a Town Center can be built. If the settlement already has a Town Center controlled by another player, you must destroy it before you can build on that settlement. Settlements cannot be destroyed.

Before building a Town Center your civilization must advance to the Heroic Age. Additional Town Centers support more population.

# Raising an Army

To defend your civilization, you need an army.

Egyptians train soldiers in the Barracks and Migdol Stronghold. Greek civilizations train soldiers in the Academy, Archery Range, Stable, and Fortress. Norse civilizations train soldiers in the Longhouse and Hill Fort.

### To create a military unit

Select the building and then click a military unit on the command panel. The unit is added to the production queue if you have the required amount of resources in your stockpile. To add multiple units to the production queue, click the unit button multiple times.

# Combat

Now that you have assembled a fighting force, it's time to test it on the battlefield. Select a military unit and then right-click an enemy unit or building to attack.

In *Age of Mythology* you can group units into armies by using group banners. Group banners give quick control over units.

### To assign units to group banners

Select the units to group, and then right-click a furled group banner in the top-left corner of the screen. The selected units are now grouped under the banner that has unfurled. To select these units collectively, click the group banner to which you have assigned them. To add more units to a banner, select them, hold down <SHIFT> and right-click the banner.

To send your army into battle, click their group banner, and then right-click an enemy unit or building to attack.

As your civilization advances, new military buildings can be built and more powerful military units can be created.

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Age Advancement

To gain better military units, myth units, improvements, and buildings, advance your civilization through the ages. Age advancement costs resources and requires that buildings from the previous age have been constructed. Select the Town Center and then pause your pointer over the Age Advance icon to see the buildings or resources required to advance. If all requirements are met, click Age Advance to research the next age. Progress of the age research is shown above the god powers panel in the top-center of the screen.

To advance, choose a minor god to worship. The minor god selection box contains a portrait of two minor gods. It also shows the myth unit, improvements, and god power for each minor god.

Place the pointer over a god's portrait to view a description of how that god benefits your civilization.

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This is the typical starting age in *Age of Mythology*. In this age, your civilization is very basic. Constructing a temple allows you to advance to the Classical Age.

Classical Age

Advancing to the Classical Age means that you have begun assembling your pantheon. To advance to the Heroic Age, you need to build an Armory.

Heroic Age

Advancing to the Heroic Age means your civilization can expand its population limit by constructing Town Centers on settlements. Stockpile more food and gold and build a Market to advance.

Mythic Age

The Mythic Age is the pinnacle of your civilization. All buildings and improvements are available, including a Wonder.

# Researching Improvements

Improvements can give your civilization an edge over your enemies. Technological advances can give your troops better armor and weapons, allow your Villagers to gather resources faster, and make your buildings stronger. Food, wood, and/or gold may be required to research improvements. You can also research mythological improvements, but these may cost favor as well.

# Resource Improvements

These improvements can make your Villagers gather resources faster or carry more. They are typically researched at resource-related buildings such as the Granary, Lumber Camp, Mining Camp, Storehouse, Ox Cart, and Town Center.

# Military Improvements

You can improve your military unit performance in battle by researching military improvements. They can increase your armor, movement rate, and attack.

Military improvements can be researched at any building where military units are created, or at buildings that support your forces (such as the Armory).

# Winning the Game

Victory conditions vary based on which of the four game modes you choose. Supremacy is the default and encompasses all three winning conditions. Conquest is military victory, deathmatch is the same as conquest with very high starting resources, and lightning is supremacy at five times the normal game speed.

Military Victory—Destroy all the units and buildings of your opponents.

Wonder—Complete a Wonder and defend it until the timer expires.

All Settlements—The winning player, or team, builds a Town Center on every settlement on the map simultaneously.

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# Multiplayer Games

Playing multiplayer *Age of Mythology* games requires an Internet, LAN, or direct connection. To start a multiplayer game, on the main menu, click **Multiplayer** to start the game login.

# Multiplayer Login

There are three types of multiplayer games available: Ensemble Studios Online (ESO), LAN, and Direct IP.

To log on to ESO, players must enter a nickname and password at the login screen.

First-time users must click New Account and complete the simple registration process. Once registration is successful, the user will be automatically logged on to ESO.

Select LAN/Direct IP connection to join or host local area network games. Direct IP is for advanced users and requires the IP address of the person you wish to play against.

# Quick Setup

Age of Mythology finds your teammates and opponents — Select game settings (number of players, major god, map type, etc.) and click Start. Age of Mythology uses its player rating system to find opponents of your same skill level.

Create your team, *Age of Mythology* finds an opposing team — Create your own team using Create Team and Invite Friends. Age of Mythology then selects appropriate opponents, based on their player rating, and the game begins.

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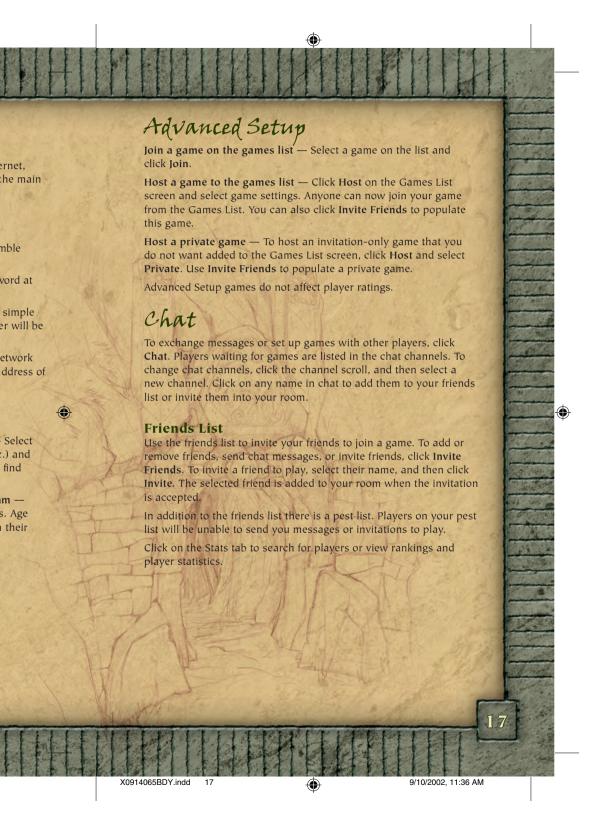
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# Chapter 4: Mythology Gods

At the start of each game you choose a primary deity for your civilization. There are three Greek, Egyptian, and Norse major gods. Each of the major gods benefits a different part of your civilization.

# God Powers

Deities grant one special power in each age. God powers can only be used once and they can be saved from one age to the next. God powers can be offensive, defensive, or economic, and can vary depending on the minor gods chosen. Available god powers are displayed in the top-center of the screen.

# Invoking God Powers

To invoke a god power, click the god power button, and then click a location on the map to invoke the god power.

Most god powers require line of sight to invoke. Others are global and can be invoked anywhere on the map. If line of sight is required, you must have a unit or building nearby that can see the location.

# Myth units

As you gain favor you can create myth units in Temples. Naval myth units, such as the Kraken, are created at the Dock. Myth unit attacks are strongest against human soldiers. They are weaker against heroes. Myth units have special attacks that they use periodically.

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### To create a myth unit

Select a Temple (or other building that can create myth units). On the command panel, click the myth unit to create.

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# Heroes

Hero units, including Priests and Pharaohs, do bonus damage against myth units and are more powerful than normal units. These units radiate a divine aura that makes them easy to locate on the battlefield. Each civilization has different hero units and conditions for creating heroes.

# Greek

The Greek civilizations can have a total of four heroes on land, and one hero on the sea by the Mythic Age. They are created in the Town Center or Fortress. Only one of each Greek hero may exist at a time.



If Greek heroes are killed, their spirits return to the gods and they can be created again.

Egyptian

Pháraohs and Priests are the Egyptian equivalent to the other civilizations' heroes. The Pharaoh exists from the beginning of the game and if he is killed a new Pharaoh is anointed at the Town Center to take his place. Only one Pharaoh may exist at a time unless followers of Osiris research the New Kingdom improvement.

The Pharaoh can empower buildings by tasking on them. Empowering makes the building gather resources faster, train faster, build faster, and attack faster. The Pharaoh can only empower one building at a time.

### To empower a building

Select your Pharaoh and then right-click the building to empower.

The Priests of Ra can also empower buildings and, unlike the Pharaoh, you can have any number of Priests simultaneously. Egyptian priests also heal nearby allied units.

### Norse

The Norse have only one hero unit—the Hersir. The Norse can have any number of them simultaneously. Hersirs are created in the Longhouse or Temple, and they generate the most favor in combat.

# The Pantheons

# Egyptian Gods



### Ra

The Egyptian god of the sun was one of the most important gods to the ancient Egyptians.

God Power Rain—This global god power makes all Villagers on the map gather food from farms faster.

### **Civilization Bonuses:**

- Priests can empower buildings
- Chariots and camels have more hitpoints and move faster
- · Monuments cost less and are stronger



### Isis

The wife of Osiris and mother of Horus is a protective goddess who helps people in need.

**God Power Prosperity**—Laborers gather gold faster.

### Civilization Bonuses:

- Monuments protect against god powers
- + 3 population cap for Town Centers
- Improvements cost less



### Set

Set was the god of evil, chaos, the desert, and foreign lands. He had a close affinity with animals.

**God Power Vision**—Reveals an unexplored section of the map.

### **Civilization Bonuses:**

- Priests can convert animals
- Slinger and chariots train faster
- Migdol Stronghold units cost less
- Pharaoh can summon animals

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# Egyptian Minor Gods



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### Ptah-God of creation

Benefits Military units

God Power Shifting Sands—Teleport enemy or allied

units anywhere on the map.

Myth Unit Wadjet—Mythical cobra that spits venom.



### Bast-Goddess of fertility

Benefits Laborers

God Power Eclipse—Turns the day to night, reducing

the range of archer and siege units.

Myth Unit Sphinx—Fast myth unit, rides a whirl-

wind to attack.



### Anubis-God of the dead

Benefits Infantry and myth units

God Power Plague of Serpents—Summon serpents

to defend an area.

Myth Unit Anubite—Fast-moving infantry unit that

leaps into combat.



### Hathor-Goddess of the sky

Benefits Buildings

God Power Locust Swarm—Ravages enemy farms.

Myth Units Petsuchos—A jeweled crocodile that fires

a beam of focused sunlight.

Roc-A flying transport.



### Sekhmet-Goddess of war

Benefits Archers and siege units

God Power Citadel—Transforms a Town Center into

a mighty citadel.

Myth Unit Scarab—Slow-moving siege unit.



# Greek Gods



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### Zeus

Zeus was the supreme god of the Olympians. Poseidon and Hades were his brothers. These three brothers divided all of creation between them. Zeus was god of the sky.

God Power Bolt—Kills a single enemy unit.

### **Civilization Bonuses:**

- Hoplite move faster and infantry do bonus damage to buildings
- Starts with 25 favor and has a limit of 200 favor
- Faster favor generation



### Poseidon

Poseidon was the brother of Zeus and the god of the sea, horses, and earthquakes.

**God Power** Lure—A stone that draws wild animals.

### **Civilization Bonuses:**

- · Cavalry cost less to produce
- Militia appear at destroyed buildings
- Fishing ships and caravans travel faster
- Using Markets costs less



### Hades

Hades was the god of the dead and ruler of the underworld. Precious minerals came from his realm.

**God Power Sentinel**—Protects a Town Center with four sentinels.

### **Civilization Bonuses:**

- Dead soldiers may generate shades (undead)
- Buildings have increased hitpoints
- Archers and buildings have greater attack

# Greek Minor Gods



### Athena—Goddess of warfare

Benefits Infantry defense

God Power Restoration—Heals units and repairs

buildings and siege units in the area.

Myth Unit Minotaur—Myth infantry with a

gore attack.



### Hermes-God of messengers

Benefits Cavalry units

God Power Ceasefire—A global power that forces all

players to stop combat.

Myth Unit Centaur—Fast-moving cavalry archer.



### Ares-God of battle

Benefits Military attack

God Power Pestilence—Prevent an enemy from

training new military units.

Myth Unit Cyclops—One-eved infantry myth unit

that hurls foes from combat.



### Apollo-God of the sun

Benefits Archers

God Power Underworld Passage—Creates a passage

that troops can pass through.

Myth Unit Manticore—Ranged myth unit fires a

volley of spikes from its tail.



### Aphrodite-Goddess of love

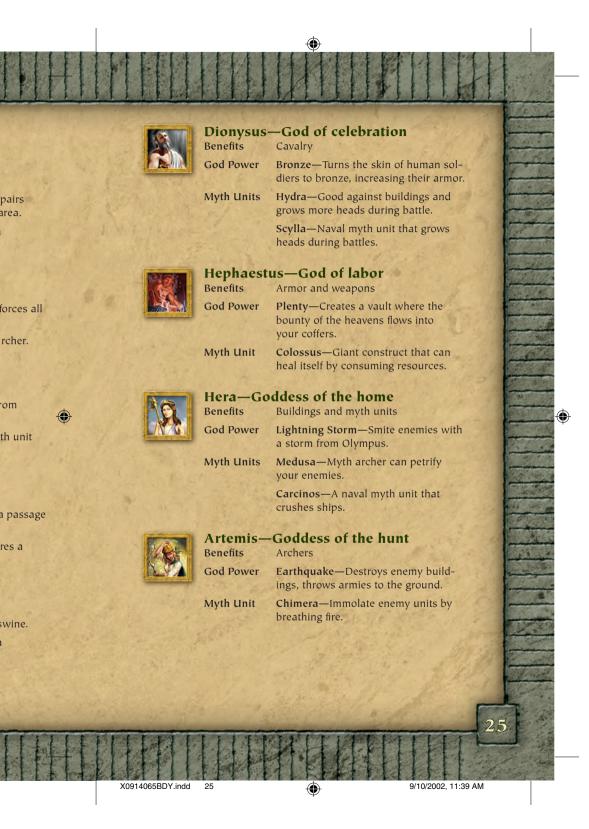
Benefits Villagers

God Power Curse—Turns enemy units into swine.

Myth Unit Nemean Lion—Myth unit with a

roar attack.





# Norse Gods



### Odir

Odin was the leader of the Aesir (the race of Norse gods). He was the god of war, poetry, wisdom, and death.

**God Power Great Hunt**—Increase the population of a group of animals.

### **Civilization Bonuses:**

- Human units regenerate
- Ravens for exploration
- Hill Fort units have more hitpoints
- Improves gatherer hunting rate



### Thor

The god of thunder, Thor was the son of Odin and wielded a mighty hammer named Mjolnir.

God Power Dwarven Mine—Creates a gold mine anywhere on the map.

### **Civilization Bonuses:**

- Cavalry produce gold when attacking buildings
- Dwarves cost less
- Dwarves gather food and wood faster



### Loki

Loki was a god of fire and trickery who eventually became an enemy to the other gods.

**God Power Spy**—Target an enemy unit to see what it sees.

### **Civilization Bonuses:**

- Heroes in combat summon myth units
- Myth units cost less favor
- Ox Carts cost less, move faster, and have fewer hitpoints















