

Pandora's Box

A long time ago in Ancient Greece, there lived two gods named...



Epimetheus and Prometheus

Zeus, the most powerful of all gods, had hidden fire from mankind, never allowing them to make tools or cook their food. Prometheus thought this was unfair.

Prometheus knew that on the Isle of Lemnos lived Hephaestus, a blacksmith that Zeus had allowed to use fire to make things for the gods. Prometheus stole the fire from Hephaestus and gave it to man.



Zeus was furious at Prometheus and chained him to the side of a cliff for many years. Zeus also punished humans for their lack of respect and came up with a very cunning plan.

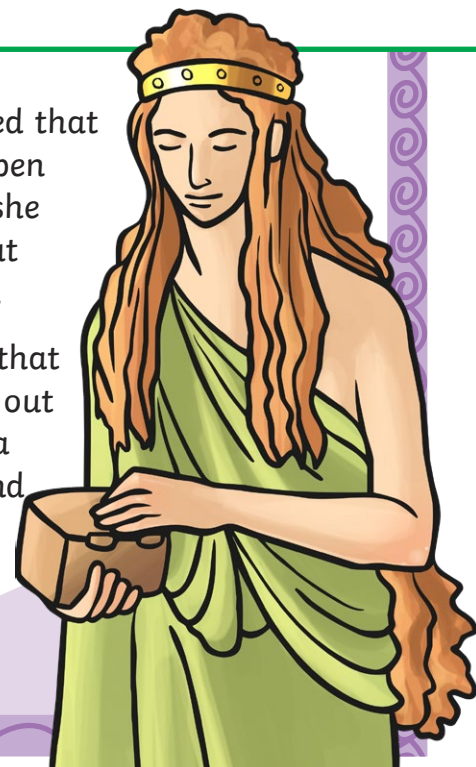
Zeus and Hephaestus sculpted a woman out of clay. Zeus called her Pandora and sent her to Epimetheus.

Prometheus warned Epimetheus not to accept any gifts from the gods. However, Epimetheus was so charmed by Pandora that he thought she could never cause any harm. Zeus was pleased that his plan was working and, as a wedding gift, gave Pandora a small box.

When Pandora was given the box, she instantly became curious. The box was locked, but had a small key and a note attached to it that said **'DO NOT OPEN!'**

Pandora promised that she would not open the box, but all she could think about was its contents.

When she knew that Epimetheus was out of sight, Pandora closed her eyes and unlocked the box.



When she opened her eyes and pulled the box open, she expected to see fine silk dresses and jewellery.

Instead, Zeus had packed terrible evils into the box and out poured sickness, death, poverty and sadness, in the form of a horrible black mass.

Pandora slammed the lid shut but it was too late; the evils had already escaped into the world.



Epimetheus heard her weeping and ran into the room to comfort her. Pandora could still hear a tiny voice inside the box, pleading to be released.

Together, they opened the box and out fluttered hope, in the form of a beautiful gold dragonfly, healing some of the sickness and sorrow. Even though Pandora had released suffering and sadness upon the world, she had also released hope, and this made all the difference in the world.



Questions

1. Who was the most powerful god? Tick one.

- Prometheus
 Zeus
 Epimetheus
 Hephaestos

2. Find and copy one word that means 'angry'.

3. Draw **four** lines and complete each sentence.

A long time ago in
Ancient Greece,
there lived...

Hephaestos and gave
it to man.

Zeus and Hephaestos
sculpted...

instantly became curious.

Prometheus stole
the fire from...

two gods named
Epimetheus and
Prometheus.

When Pandora was
given the box, she...

a woman out of clay.

4. Number the events from **1-5** to show the order in which they occur in the text. The first one has been done for you.

- Zeus also punished humans for their lack of respect and came up with a very cunning plan.
 Pandora closed her eyes and unlocked the box.
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 Zeus and Hephaestos sculpted a woman out of clay.
 Prometheus stole the fire from Hephaestos and gave it to man.

5. What form were the terrible evils that poured out from the box? Tick one.

- gold dragonfly
- black mass
- fine silk dresses and jewellery
- a tiny voice

6. Fill in the missing words.

Together, they opened the box and out _____ hope in the form of a beautiful gold dragonfly, healing some of the sickness and _____.

7. Explain what Pandora's Box was using 25 words or fewer.

Answers

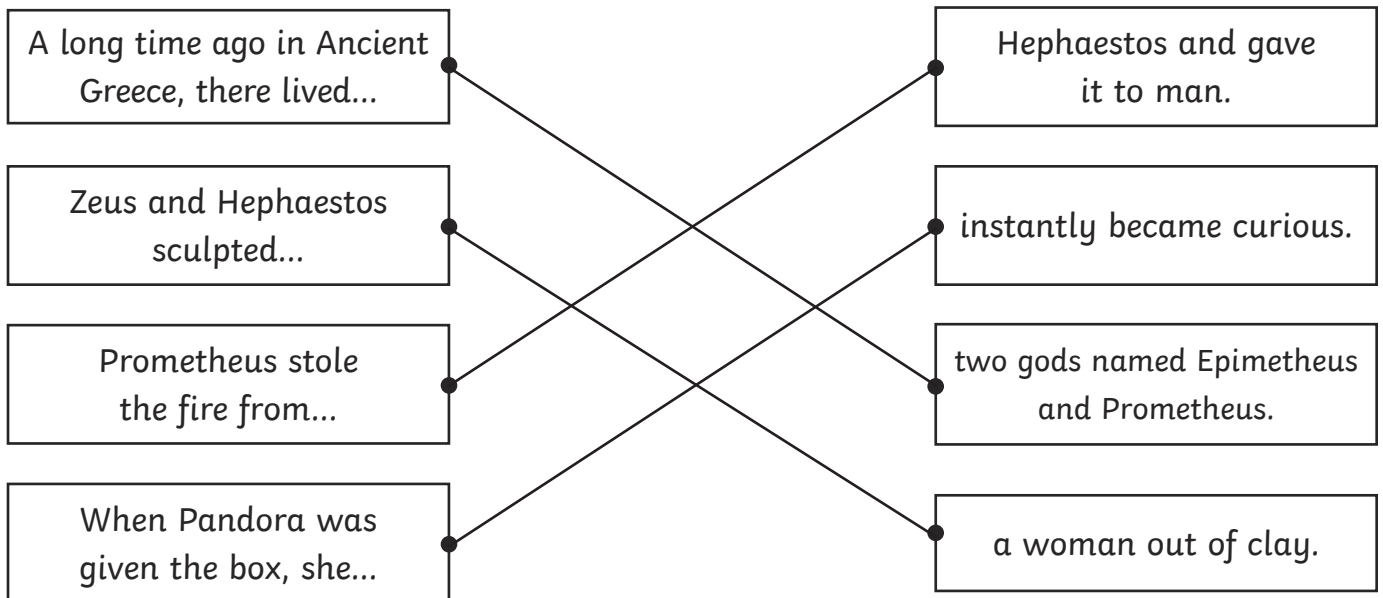
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Zeus

2. Find and copy one word that means 'angry'.

furious

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Together, they opened the box and out **fluttered** hope in the form of a beautiful gold dragonfly, healing some of the sickness and **sorrow**.

7. Explain what Pandora's Box was using 25 words or fewer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Pandoras box was a box full of horrible things that Zeus planned for Pandora to unleash on the world as a punishment.

Pandora's Box



Epimetheus



Prometheus



Pandora



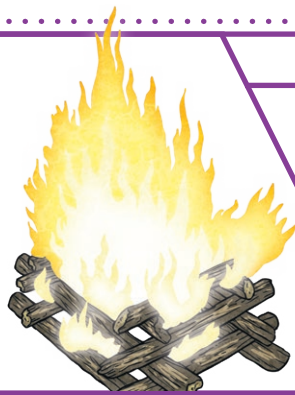
Zeus



Hephaestus

A long time ago in Ancient Greece, there lived two brothers named Epimetheus and Prometheus. They were good gods with very kind hearts. Zeus, the most powerful of all gods, had hidden fire from mankind, never allowing them to make tools or cook their food which Prometheus thought was unfair.

Prometheus knew that on the Isle of Lemnos lived Hephaestus, a blacksmith that Zeus had allowed to use fire to make things for the gods. Prometheus travelled to Lemnos and stole the fire from Hephaestus to give to man.



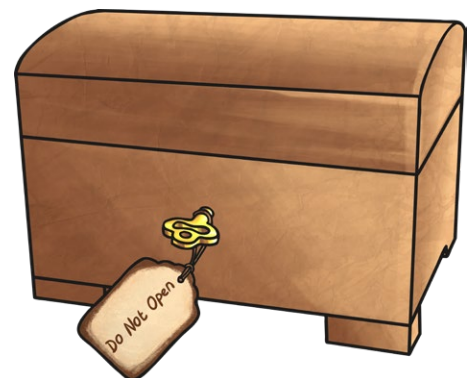
Zeus was furious at Prometheus and, as punishment, chained him to the side of a cliff for many years. Zeus decided to also punish humans for their lack of respect and came up with a very cunning plan.

With the help of Hephaestus, he sculpted a woman out of clay. The goddess Athena breathed life into the clay and the woman came to life. Zeus called her Pandora and sent her to Epimetheus, as he knew that he was lonely.

Prometheus warned Epimetheus not to accept any gifts from the gods. However, Epimetheus was so charmed by Pandora that he thought she could never cause any harm. Zeus was pleased that his plan was working and, as a wedding gift, gave Pandora a small box.

When Pandora was given the box, she instantly became curious.

The box was locked, but had a small key and a note attached to it that said **'DO NOT OPEN!'**



Pandora promised that she would not open the box, but all she could think about was its contents. She could no longer stand the torture of not knowing what was in the mysterious box.

When she knew that Epimetheus was out of sight, Pandora closed her eyes and unlocked the box. With a breath, she pulled the box open and opened her eyes, expecting to see fine silk dresses and jewellery.

Sadly, there was not one gold bracelet or fine silk dress in sight! Instead, Zeus had packed terrible evils into the box and out poured sickness, death, poverty and sadness, in the form of a horrible black mass.

Pandora slammed the lid shut, but it was too late; the evils had already escaped into the world. Epimetheus heard her weeping and ran into the room to console her.



Pandora could still hear a tiny voice inside the box, pleading to be released. Together, they opened the box. Out fluttered hope, in the form of a beautiful gold dragonfly, healing some of the sickness and sorrow.

Even though Pandora had released suffering and sadness upon the world, she had also released hope, and this made all the difference in the world.



Questions

1. How did Zeus punish Prometheus for stealing fire from the blacksmith, Hephaestos?

Tick one.

- locked him away in a deep, unknown cave
- chained him to the bottom of the sea for the rest of his days
- tied him to a tall pillar
- chained him to the side of a cliff for many years

2. Find and copy the names of the **two** characters that helped Zeus to create Pandora.

- _____
- _____

3. Draw **four** lines and complete each sentence.

Epimetheus warned...

Pandora that he thought she could never cause any harm.

Zeus was pleased...

of not knowing what was in the mysterious box.

Epimetheus was so charmed by...

Prometheus not to accept any gifts from the gods.

Pandora could no longer stand the torture...

that his plan was working and, as a wedding gift, gave Pandora a small box.

4. Fill in the missing words.

Instead, Zeus had packed _____ evils into the box and out poured sickness, death, _____ and sadness, in the form of a horrible black mass.

5. Number the events from **1-5** to show the order in which they occur in the text.
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- Prometheus travelled to Lemnos and stole the fire from Hephaestos to give to man.
- Zeus was pleased that his plan was working and, as a wedding gift, gave Pandora a small box.
- 1** A long time ago in Ancient Greece, there lived two brothers named Epimetheus and Prometheus.
- Zeus decided to also punish humans for their lack of respect and came up with a very cunning plan.
- When she knew that Epimetheus was out of sight, Pandora closed her eyes and unlocked the box.

6. Who was given a small box? Tick one.

- Epimetheus
- Hephaestos
- Pandora
- Prometheus

7. At the end of the text, Pandora opened the box for the second time.
Explain why you think she did this.

8. Explain what Pandora's Box was using 25 words or fewer.

Answers

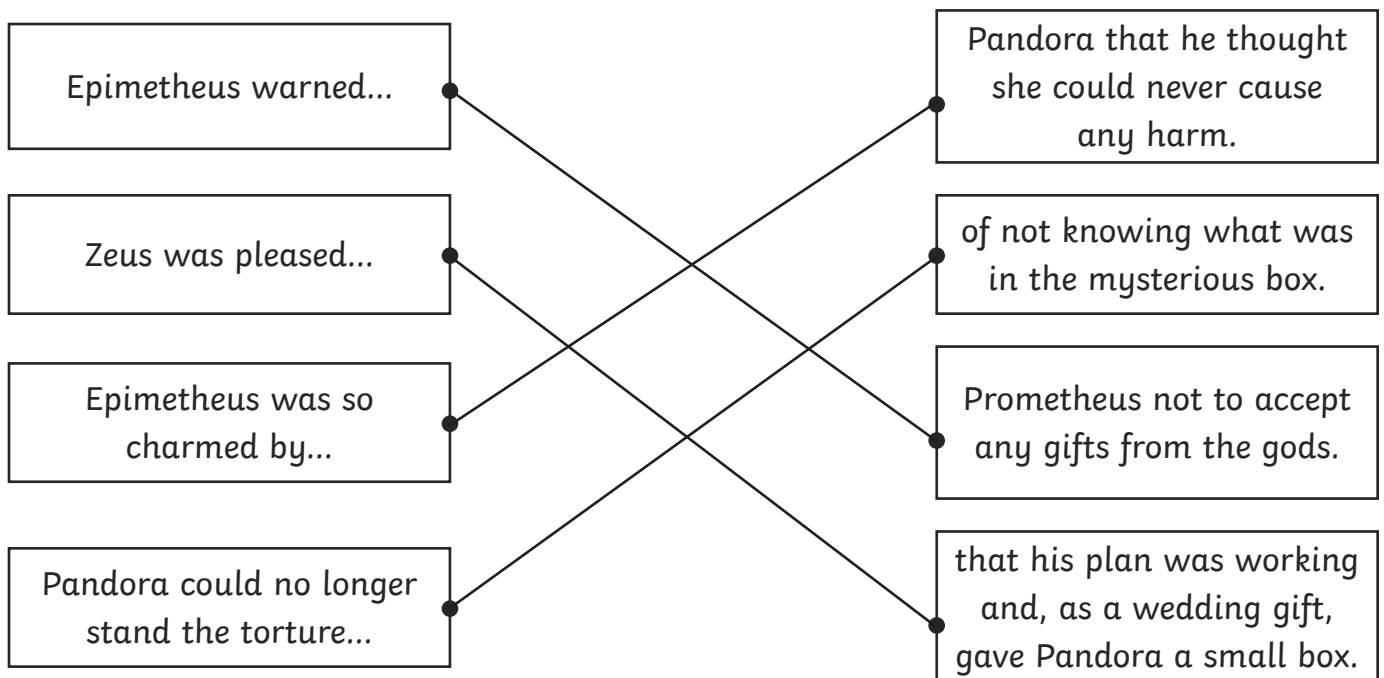
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2. Find and copy the names of the **two** characters that helped Zeus to create Pandora.

- **Hephaestos**
- **Athena**

3. Draw **four** lines and complete each sentence.



4. Fill in the missing words.

Instead, Zeus had packed **terrible** evils into the box and out poured sickness, death, **poverty** and sadness, in the form of a horrible black mass.

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- 2** Prometheus travelled to Lemnos and stole the fire from Hephaestos to give to man.
- 4** Zeus was pleased that his plan was working and, as a wedding gift, gave Pandora a small box.
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6. Who was given a small box? Tick one.

- Epimetheus
- Hephaestos
- Pandora**
- Prometheus

7. At the end of the text, Pandora opened the box for the second time.

Explain why you think she did this.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Pandora opened the box for the second time because she thought nothing could be worse than what had already been released.

8. Explain what Pandora's Box was using 25 words or fewer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Pandoras box was a box full of horrible things that Zeus planned for Pandora to unleash on the world as a punishment.

Pandora's Box

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Prometheus was clever and knew that on the Isle of Lemnos lived Hephaestus, who was a blacksmith. Zeus allowed Hephaestus to use fire to make things for the gods. Prometheus travelled to Lemnos, stole the fire from Hephaestus and gave it to man.



Epimetheus



Prometheus



Zeus

He also taught humans civilizing arts such as writing, medicine, mathematics and science.

Zeus was furious at Prometheus, and, as punishment, chained him to the side of a cliff for many years. Zeus decided that the humans also needed to be punished for their lack of respect. When it came to revenge, Zeus was creative and therefore came up with a very cunning plan.



Hephaestus

With the help of Hephaestus, he sculpted a woman out of clay. The goddess Athena breathed life into the clay and the woman came to life. Aphrodite made her beautiful and Hermes taught her how to be both charming and deceitful.

Zeus called her Pandora and sent her to Epimetheus, as he knew that he was lonely.



Pandora

Epimetheus went to visit his brother and Prometheus warned him not to accept any gifts from the gods. However, Epimetheus was so charmed by Pandora that he thought she could never cause any harm.

Zeus was pleased that his plan was working and, as a wedding gift, gave Pandora a small box.

When Pandora was given the box, she instantly became curious.

The box was locked, but had a small key and a note attached to it that said '**DO NOT OPEN!**'

Pandora promised that she would not open the box, but all she could think about was its contents. Why would someone send her a box and not allow her to open it?

Pandora could no longer stand the torture of not knowing what was in the beautiful box.

When she knew that Epimetheus was out of sight, Pandora placed the box on the floor and took the small gold key. She closed her eyes and took a deep breath as she unlocked the box.

She opened her eyes and pulled the box open, expecting to see fine silk dresses and jewellery. Unfortunately, there was not one gold bracelet or fine silk dress in sight!

Instead, Zeus had packed terrible evils into the box and out poured sickness, death, poverty and sadness, in the form of a horrible black mass.



Pandora slammed the lid shut, but it was too late; the evils had already escaped into the world. Epimetheus heard her weeping and ran into the room to console her. Pandora could still hear a tiny voice inside the box, pleading to be released.

Epimetheus and Pandora thought that nothing could be worse than the horrors that had already been released, so together they opened the box.

Out fluttered hope, in the form of a beautiful gold dragonfly, healing some of the sickness and sorrow.

Even though Pandora had released suffering and sadness upon the world, she had also released hope, and this made all the difference in the world.



Questions

1. Find and copy one word that refers to something that is incredibly old.

2. Fill in the missing words.

Prometheus travelled to _____, stole the fire from _____ and gave it to man.

3. Why did Prometheus take fire to the humans?

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- When it came to revenge, Zeus was creative and therefore came up with a very cunning plan.
- He also taught humans civilizing arts such as writing, medicine, mathematics and science.

5. Who warned Prometheus not to accept any gifts from the Gods? Tick one.

- Epimetheus
- Zeus
- Aphrodite
- Hermes

6. Why do you think Zeus asked Hermes to teach Pandora to be both charming and deceitful?
Use the text to support your answer.

7. How did the world change after Pandora opened the box?
Use the text to support your answer.

8. Explain what Pandora's Box was using 25 words or fewer.

Answers

1. Find and copy one word that refers to something that is incredibly old.

Ancient

2. Fill in the missing words.

Prometheus travelled to **Lemnos**, stole the fire from **Hephaestos** and gave it to man.

3. Why did Prometheus take fire to the humans?

Prometheus was a good god with a kind heart and he thought it was unfair the humans did not have fire.

4. Number the events from **1-5** to show the order in which they occur in the text. The first one has been done for you.

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Epimetheus

6. Why do you think Zeus asked Hermes to teach Pandora to be both charming and deceitful? Use the text to support your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Zeus asked Hermes to teach Pandora to be both charming and deceitful because he needed Epimetheus to be charmed by Pandora and trust her to not open the box but also needed Pandora to be deceitful enough to open the box when Epimetheus was out of sight.

7. How did the world change after Pandora opened the box? Use the text to support your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Pandora released evil into the world spreading sickness, death, poverty and sadness but she also released hope that could heal some of the sickness and sorrow.

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