



PANDORA AND THE EVILS OF THE WORLD

1) Why does Zeus want to punish man?

For having fire.

Because they now have powers that were only meant for the gods.

2) Hephaestus made Hermes' sandals and the bow and arrows of Eros. List two other things he made.

Helios' chariot and Prometheus' chains.

3) What gifts does Zeus give Pandora once she has been made?

Her voice and the gift of strength.

4) Why is the maiden given the name Pandora?

It means "all gift" and she was given gifts from the gods.

5) When is Pandora given the box?

At her wedding.



6) How does Zeus punish man?

He gives him all of the evils of the world including illness, famine and sadness

7) What is left in the box?

Hope

8) Put these events in the order that they happened. The first one has been done for you.

Pandora was given the box.	5
Man was given the gift of fire.	1
Pandora opened the box.	6
Man was able to feel sorrow.	7
Pandora was given curiosity.	3
Man created new civilisations.	2
Pandora married Epimetheus.	4

9) How does Zeus know that Pandora will open the box?

Because she has been given curiosity.



Answers

10) Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is true or false.

	True	False
Pandora was given to Prometheus as a gift from Zeus.		x
Pandora was given charm by Aphrodite.	x	
Pandora promised not to open the box.	x	
Pandora was malicious.		x

11) *He would be able to realise Zeus's plan.*

What does the word *realise* mean in this sentence?

	Tick one
understand	
make real	x
recognise	
follow	

12) *Hephaestus' skill was without equal.*

What does the phrase *without equal* mean in this sentence?

Nobody was as skilled as Hephaestus.



Answers

13) He gave only one condition to the offering of the vessel.

What does the word vessel mean in this sentence?

	Tick one
boat	
pot	
basin	
container	x

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14) Look at page two. Find and copy one word which shows Zeus' request not to open the box puzzled Pandora.

mystified

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15) Look at page two. Find and copy one word which shows that Pandora did not have a lot of time to open the box.

moment

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Answers

16) Look at page three. Find and copy one word which shows that Pandora was nervous about what she might find in the box.

anxious

17) *she slammed the lid of the box down.*

What does the word slammed tell us about the way Pandora closed the lid?

She did it quickly/roughly.

18) Why did Epimetheus ignore Prometheus' warning?

He forgot it when he saw how beautiful Pandora was.

19) "*I wonder...*" she gasped.

What might Pandora have said if she had finished her thought?

...what is in the box.



Answers

**20) What impressions of Zeus have you gained from this tale?
Give two impressions. Use evidence to support your answer.**

Impression	Evidence
Zeus is clever.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● He is able to create a plan which traps mankind. ● He knows that Pandora will open the box.
Zeus is cruel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● He punishes mankind for having fire. ● He gives mankind all of the evils of the world.
Zeus is cowardly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● He is afraid that man will become as powerful as the gods. ● He does not deliver man's punishment himself.
Zeus is selfish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● He does not want man to have the power of fire.

21) Name one thing which man could not do at the start of the story.

Feel sad, become ill or become hungry.