

Questions on the Story of Prometheus

1. Describe Prometheus's character traits? Is he more human or more god-like? Explain (analyze his behavior and attitude at the beginning and end of the story)
2. "It is best for them to be poor and ignorant, that so we Mighty Ones may thrive and be happy." How might the "Mighty Ones" happiness be compromised if the humans become more enlightened?
3. What does the conflict between Jupiter and Prometheus say about the nature of humans?
4. What did Prometheus provide to the humans to make their lives better? Which of these provisions are still used today?
5. Describe the character of Pandora? What is her role in the story?
6. What does the term "Pandora's Box" mean today? *E.g. I wouldn't talk to him about that topic or you'll open up a Pandora's box.*
7. According to the myth what is the consequence of "progress"?
8. What comment does the myth make on humans and temptation?
9. What comment does the myth make on humans and power and authority?
10. What comment does the myth make on humans and ignorance?