

An Extract from Pandora's Box

Quick Questions



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7 Epimetheus went to visit his brother Prometheus,
17 who warned him not to accept any gifts from the
24 Gods. However, Epimetheus was so charmed by
32 Pandora that he thought she could never cause
41 any harm. Zeus was pleased that his plan was
50 working and as a wedding gift, gave Pandora a
52 small box.

60 When Pandora was given the box, she instantly
69 became curious. The box was locked but had a
80 small key and a note attached to it that said 'DO
88 NOT OPEN!' Pandora had promised that she would
99 not open the box but all she could think about was
108 its contents. Why would someone send her a box
118 and not allow her to open it? Pandora could no
127 longer stand the torture of not knowing what was
131 in the beautiful box.

An Extract from Pandora's Box Answers

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Accept: small; locked; beautiful

2. Who gave the box to Pandora as a gift?

Accept: Zeus

3. Why do you think that Prometheus gave Epimetheus that warning?

Accept answers which discuss the possibility of Prometheus having been tricked before or knowing that the Gods play such tricks on people.

4. What do you expect that Pandora will do next? Explain your answer.

Accept answers which discuss the concept of Pandora opening the box provided that a relevant reason is also given, e.g. 'I think that Pandora will open the box because it says that she could no longer stand the torture of not knowing'.