



# THE GIFT OF FIRE

## VOCABULARY

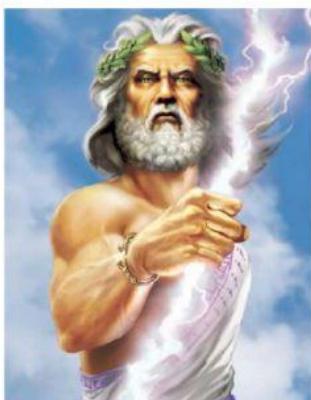
### 1. LISTEN AND REPEAT.



GOD AND GODDESS



MOUNT OLYMPUS



ZEUS



TITAN



PROMETHEUS



MUD



HUMANITY



FENNEL  
STALK



BULL



(ANIMAL) FAT



VULTURE



LIVER

## READING AND LISTENING

### 2. READ AND WATCH THE VIDEO.

People believed that Greek **gods and goddesses** lived in a cloud palace above **Mount Olympus** – the highest mountain in Greece! They had special powers, and each had control over a different aspect of life. Many of them appear in the tales that people in Ancient Greece told to explain how things were created.

The Gift of Fire is a myth about **Zeus**, the most powerful god, and a **titan** called **Prometheus**. Zeus ordered Prometheus to create **humanity**, and so he did. But humans lived unhappily because Zeus was quite cruel, so Prometheus decided to help them. After that, people loved Prometheus, and that made Zeus furious. He punished Prometheus for helping humans, breaking the rules and tricking him.



## READING COMPREHENSION

### 3. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION. USE LETTER "X" TO SELECT IT.

The titans were...

- a) Greek gods.
- b) the gods of Mount Olympus.
- c) a group of humans.
- d) a group of giants.

Zeus wanted humans...

- a) to be independent.
- b) to worship the gods.
- c) to love Prometheus.
- d) to have fire.

Prometheus gave fire to humans...

- a) to break Zeus' rules.
- b) to trick people.
- c) to worship him.
- d) to help them.

Fire was important for humans because...

- a) they weren't cold and hungry anymore.
- b) they could see in the dark.
- c) they wanted to break Zeus' rules.
- d) they made weapons with it.

At the end, Prometheus was punished but...

- a) humanity worshipped Zeus.
- b) he didn't feel sorry for having helped humans.
- c) he didn't suffer.
- d) he tricked Zeus again.

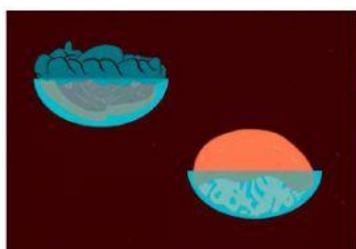
#### 4. USE THE WORDS FROM ACTIVITY 1 TO COMPLETE THE STORY.

\_\_\_\_\_ was the place where gods and goddesses lived. The most powerful of all the gods was \_\_\_\_\_. He wanted the Earth to have new creatures, so he called the titans Epimetheus and \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered them to create them.



Epimetheus made all the animals whereas Prometheus made \_\_\_\_\_. He took some \_\_\_\_\_ and shaped humans to look similar to the gods and goddesses.

Zeus saw the creations and felt happy. However, he was quite cruel to humans: he wanted them to worship the gods at Mount Olympus and depend on them for protection.



Zeus decided that humans had to offer gods a sacrifice: they had to give them part of the animals they had to eat, which would cause humans to have little food. But Prometheus didn't want humanity to be hungry and unhappy, so he decided to help them.

He killed a \_\_\_\_\_ and tricked Zeus by giving him the worst part of the animal – that way humans would always keep the best part and with that they would have more food. But Zeus noticed the deception soon. He knew Prometheus loved humanity, so he decided to punish him by taking the \_\_\_\_\_ away from humans – that way Prometheus would see humans suffer and he would be terribly unhappy.



Once again, Prometheus decided to help his creation. He entered Mount Olympus, stole fire and gave it to humans. This way, humanity was able to cook food and be warm in the cold night.

Zeus got furious after that and punished Prometheus: he chained him to

a mountain and made a  
was a  
had to be in pain every day.

eat his  
every night. As Prometheus  
, he could not die, so he



But even when Prometheus was suffering, he did not regret helping humans because he loved them.