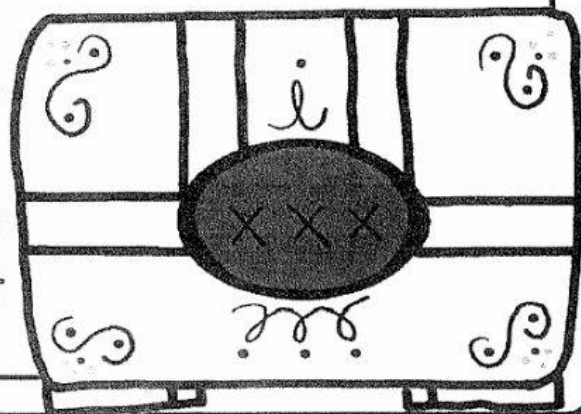


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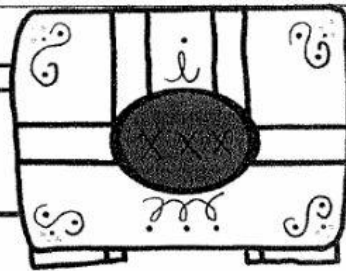
According to Greek legend, there once was a time in history when there were only men. No women existed at the time. The mighty Zeus created a woman out of clay and named her Pandora. He also created a husband for Pandora and named him Epimetheus. As a wedding gift, Zeus gave them a locked box. Now, one may think that this was a kind gesture from Zeus, but actually it was quite the trick. He handed them the key to the locked box, however, he told them that they must never open it up.

Pandora was the one who became too curious with what was inside and opened up the box. When she opened it up, many bad things came flying out. Diseases, awful emotions, and negative thoughts and actions all came tumbling out. Zeus had stored up all the evils of the world in this box. At the very bottom of the box, Pandora found hope sitting there. She closed the box as quickly as she could, but it may have been too late. This was Zeus' way of showing the people that they should not disobey their gods.



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1. What qualifies this story as a myth?

2. Explain the key detail that describes why Zeus gave this box to the new couple.

3. What happens at the beginning of the text?

4. What happens at the end of the text?

5. What is the moral of the story?
