

Get Going

A 1. What does the name Prometheus mean?

Ans The name of Prometheus means forethought and he always thought of the times ahead of him.

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Ans Epith Epimetheus was the brother of Prometheus who had the power to each of the living beings

3. Why was Prometheus upset?

Ans Prometheus was upset because despite his efforts he couldn't find a way to help mankind by giving them the knowledge of fire.

5. How did Prometheus give fire to mankind?

Ans After being denied by Zeus to help mankind, Prometheus found a stalk of fennel which he used to steal a spark of fire from Zeus place. Prometheus then went on to give the fire to all the mankind.

6. Why did Zeus chain Prometheus to the side of Mount Caucasus to suffer till the end of time?

Ans Zeus was furious that Prometheus had disobeyed him and imparted the knowledge of fire to human kind, so he ~~was~~ chained Prometheus

to the side of Mount Caucasus to suffer there till the end of time.

B. Let's read between the lines.

1. Why was humankind worse off than beasts, without fire?

Ans. Without fire, humankind was worse off than beasts. They were living in the caves and in the holes of the earth, shivering by each other from cold, dying of starvation, hunted both by wild beasts and by each other.

2. Why did people come out of caves looking at Prometheus ~~with~~ suspiciously?

Ans. People came out of the caves looking at Prometheus suspicious as they ~~would~~ couldn't believe anybody would bother to help them.

C. Let's go beyond the story.

Ans. Do you think Zeus was right in not giving fire to humankind? Do you think fire had made human powerful? Give reasons.

Ans. No, I don't think Zeus was right in not giving ~~fire~~ fire to humankind. He was being selfish by refusing to impart the knowledge of fire to others.

As a powerful being, Zeus had the ability to help out those in need and he refused to do so merely because he was scared that humans would become stronger than him ~~of~~ after obtaining fire, I think that fire ~~is~~ has definitely made us stronger because most beasts are afraid of fire.

Q. If you were ~~just~~ Zeus, how would you have felt when you ~~discovered~~ discovered that Prometheus had given fire to humankind?

Ans If I were ~~just~~ Zeus, I would ~~be~~ have been upset at first because Prometheus stole a spark from the lightning bolt without my permission. However, ~~after~~ after finding out why he did so I would have understood and appreciated his decision to help humankind.