

QUESTION AND ANSWERS



1. What does the word Prometheus mean?

→ The name Prometheus means forethought and he always thought of the time ahead of him.

2. Who was Epimetheus?

Epimetheus was the brother of Prometheus who had the power to gift one special power to each ~~kind~~ of the living beings.

3. Why was Prometheus upset?

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

4. State whether the sentences are True or False.

(a) False (b) False (c) True (d) False (e) True

5. How did Prometheus give fire to humankind?

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' palace. Prometheus then went on to give the fire to all humankind.

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

Zeus was furious that Prometheus disobeyed him and imparted the knowledge of fire to humankind, so he chained Prometheus to the side of Mount Caucasus to suffer until ~~the~~ the end of ~~life~~ time.

B. 1. Why was human kind worse off than ~~beasts~~ Beasts, without fire?

- Without fire human^R kind was worse off than beasts. They were ~~being~~ living in caves and holes of the earth, shivering cold, dying of starvation.

nursed both by wild beasts and by each other.

2. Why did people come out of cover looking at Prometheus suspiciously?

People came out of cover looking at Prometheus suspiciously as they couldn't believe anybody would bother to help them.

c. 1. Do you think Zeus was right in not giving fire to humankind? Do you think fire has made humankind powerful? Give reasons for your opinion.

- No I don't think Zeus was right in not giving 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 more stronger than him after obtaining fire. I think fire has definitely made humankind more powerful because most beasts are scared of fire.

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

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