

Prometheus – A Greek Myth

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- 1 Attention! (commanding voice).
Welcome to Greek Mythology Boot
Camp!
- All Yes ma'am! (gesture-salute)
- 1 These are my cadets, Laura and Jeremy.
And I am you strict sergeant!
- 2 For the next two weeks,
3 We will learn how to respect Greek
Mythology.
- 1 First, you need a myth to study.
2 Which one comes first? (gesture)
3 Prometheus ma'am! (gesture)
- 1 Right, so what did Prometheus do?
(gesture)
- 2 Prometheus wanted to give people fire.
3 You might've also heard that Zeus didn't
want to give them that gift.
- 1 He did make man for worship
2 Not warfare.
- 1 Cadets, what was his real reason to not
give people fire? (gesture)
- All He did that because he hates dumb
questions, like the one that Prometheus
asked, and he thought the people would
become too powerful.
- 3 And Prometheus respected his judgment,
right?
- 1 No Cadet! Not at all.
2 Zeus wasn't a very good ruler, was he? I
mean to not give people fire.
3 And Prometheus wasn't a good follower
of Zeus, he didn't respect Zeus's
judgment.
- 1 In most ways, Zeus was a good leader—
3 but not to the people.
2 So Prometheus went to the humans and?
1 Gave them fire anyways, that too,
without Zeus knowing (smile)
- All (gasp-sound effect)
- 1 What happened next?
2 The humans became civilized
3 Moved out of their caves
- 2 Built settlements
3 And cooked their food with fire.
- 1 Did Zeus find out?
2 Oh yes, he was furious! (gesture)
3 He sought revenge on Prometheus.
(gesture)
- 1 What did he do to him?
2 He had him chained to a mountain to rot
3 And sent an eagle to rip out his liver
every day for the rest of eternity
- 1 Wouldn't he die?
2 No, he was immortal.
3 So, the liver kept on reappearing, to
ripped out again
All (gesture) (sound effect-ickh)
- 2 Then, Heracles saved him by killing the
eagle.
- 1 What happened next, cadets?
2 They lived happily ever after, what else?
(gesture)
- 3 That's another story for another day.
1 I wonder... if Zeus never found out that
the humans had fire, do you think he and
Prometheus would get along?
- 2 No Way! Prometheus would probably
keep asking ridiculous questions!
3 They were not ridiculous!
- 1 Cadets, stop! (gesture) What did
Prometheus do that ties in with modern-
day?
- All Prometheus did save mankind from
rotting in a cave!
- 1 He was a hero! (gesture)
All Until then, we will learn to respect
Greek Mythology.
1 And Prometheus!