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Handout 3A: "Pandora's Box" Organizer

Directions:

- Read the myth, "Pandora's Box," in *Gifts from the Gods: Ancient Words & Wisdom from Greek & Roman Mythology*.
- Record answers to the questions about the myth in the boxes on the left.
- Read pages 10–15 in *Understanding Greek Myths*.
- Record details from the text that support your answers about "Pandora's Box."

1. What role did the gods play?

"Pandora's Box"	<i>Understanding Greek Myths</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They created Pandora • They made the first human woman. • Each god gave her a special gift • Zeus gave her curiosity 	<p>hope remained in the box that Pandora opened</p>

2. What was the problem?

"Pandora's Box"	Understanding Greek Myths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pandora was curious and could not control her desire to open the box • she opened the the box even though she wasn't supposed to • Bad things flew out like pain and greed • The bad things didn't exist before. 	

3. How was the problem resolved?

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<p>Hope remained in the box that Pandora opened</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope helps us deal with difficult situations. 	

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4. What idea does this myth explain?

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · This myth explains why there are evils in the world like sickness and despair · The myth explains why we have hope to help us through a difficult time. 	

5. What can we learn about the beliefs of the ancient Greeks? How does the myth relate to the word *moral*?

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · They created humans, so the ancient Greeks worshipped them · People will be punished for their bad behavior or for disobeying the gods · This myth shows that the Greeks believed that the gods wanted people to behave in a certain way. 	