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Good morning students

Today we are going to read the story 'Pandora's Box' given in your English Literature book page no. 22. Students here, I am going to explain you the story so ~~to~~ read it carefully to understand the story. This story is based on myths. Students, Myths relate to the religion of the ancient people, giving full account of the origins of their thousands of gods and goddesses. In this story according to the legends of Greece and Rome.

The supreme ruler of the universe lived on the top of the Mount Olympus. He was named as Jupiter or Zeus. He was the king and everyone had to follow his instructions. He was the supreme power so he used to call all the meetings to discuss any important matter. One day he called up a meeting in which Prometheus and Epimetheus the two brothers pledged their loyalty to the king. Jupiter was pleased and he wanted to reward them so he

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gave them the task to create the first creature to live on earth. Both of them decided to form animals, birds and insects and provided them special skills individually. Then they created a superior being 'Man' to rule over others. First they made a clay image then they got two gods Eros and Minerva to give the man breath and soul. After creating 'Man', Prometheus wanted to gift something special to make him superior of others. Fire was the richest boon or possession of the gods. Prometheus decided to provide fire to the 'man' but he knew that willingly they would never share this boon with the 'Man' so he had to steal it to give it to 'Man'. In this way man got his greatest possession that is fire. The King Jupiter saw on the earth one night and found that the fire was given to the man by Prometheus. Now the king wanted to punish Prometheus for stealing the fire and to give it to the 'Man'. So he was punished in a terrible way.

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Promethius was saved by Hercules. The king was also angry with the Man for accepting the heavenly fire. The king held a meeting of gods to discuss that how man could be punished for his mistake. He told the gods that man is living free of worries, suffering and pain. ~~At~~ The Man was living a peaceful and contented life. In the meeting, it was decided that to create 'Woman'. They started to work on it and soon a stunningly beautiful image of Woman was created with the help of clay. So in this way the 'Woman' was created and they decided to give her a specific name 'Pandora'. So the name Pandora came in existence with the first woman created on earth.

Students we have read half of the story 'Pandora's Box'. In the next lesson we will continue with the story. Now you all are required to read the content again to understand it well.

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