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# PANDORA'S BOX

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## GRAMMAR ASSUMED:

*Verbs; The First & Second Conjugations: Present Infinitive, Indicative, & Imperative Active;*

*Nouns & Cases; First Declension;*

*Agreement of Adjectives;*

*Second Declension: Masculine*

*Nouns & Adjectives; Apposition*

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## WHEELOCK: CHAPTERS 1-3

*The story of Pandora and her curiosity is one of the most famous tales from classical mythology. Hesiod, an ancient Greek writer, presents this version of the myth in his long didactic poem, Works and Days.*

Íapetus duōs filiōs, Promētheum et Epimētheum, habet. Promētheus est vir magnae sapientiae; Epimētheus est vir sine sapientiā. Iuppiter Epimētheō bellam fēminam, Pandōram, dat. Promētheus Epimētheum dē Pandōrā saepe 5 monet: “Ō Epimētheu, errās! Perīculum nōn vidēs. Nōn dēbēs fēminam accipere.” Epimētheus Pandōram amat; dē perīculō nōn cōgitat. Iuppiter Epimētheō arcā dat; nōn licet arcā aperīre. Sed Pandōra est cūriōsa: “Quid in arcā 10 est? Multa pecūnia? Magnus numerus gemmārum?” Fēmina arcā aperit. Multae fōrmae malī prōvolant et errant! Sed Pandōra spēm in arcā cōservat. Etiam sī vīta plēna malōrum est, spēm semper habēmus.

## VOCABULARY:

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**Iapetus**, -ī, m.: Iapetus, one of the 12 Titans, children of Earth (Gaea) and Heaven (Uranus)

**duōs**: two

**Promētheus**, -eī, m.: Prometheus; the name means "one who thinks ahead"

**Epimētheus**, -eī (vocative **Epimētheu**), m.: Epimetheus; the name means "one who thinks afterwards"

**Iuppiter**, **Iovis**, m.: Jupiter, king of the gods (3rd declension)

**bellam**: pretty, charming

**Pandōra**, -ae, f.: Pandora, first woman ever created; made by Vulcan at Jupiter's command; given beauty, skills, intelligence, and other gifts by each of the gods; her name means "the all-gifted one"

**perīculum**, -ī, n.: danger (2nd declension neuter)

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**acciō**, -ere, -cēpī, -ceptus (3rd -iō conjugation): to receive, accept

**arca**, -ae, f.: box, chest

**licet**: it is permitted (+ infinitive)

**aperiō**, -īre, **aperuī**, **apertus** (4th conjugation): to open; **aperit** = she opens

**cūriōsa**: curious, inquisitive

**gemma**, -ae, f.: jewel, gem

**malum**, -ī, n.: bad thing, evil, misfortune (2nd declension neuter)

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**prōvolō** (1): to fly out, rush forth

**spēs**, **speī** (accusative **spēm**), f.: hope, the one good thing in Pandora's box; it remains there forever, helping to make human life bearable (5th declension)

**etiam** (adverb): even

**plēna**: full (+ genitive)

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