

# Making Words

**Directions:** Unscramble the strip of letters at the bottom of the page. Try to move the letters around to make 3-letter words. How many words can you make? Write them in the box. Can you make any four-letter words? Five-letter words? Can you make any other words? Can you guess the SECRET WORD all these letters make?

<b>Three-letter Words:</b>    	<b>Four-Letter Words:</b>    
<b>Five-letter Words:</b>    	<b>Other words:</b>    

Students: total up how many words you have... you must have at least 35 words!

Total words
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Do you know the secret words?

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Unscramble these letters:

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*Clue: It's these collected stories about Hellenic deities that make learning Ancient History so interesting...*

**READ THE PASSAGE** Pause after each paragraph and consider what that paragraph was mostly about.

### Prometheus

In ancient Greek mythology, Prometheus was a Titan, one of the most powerful gods. Yet even though he was a god, he found humans interesting. Zeus, the ruler of all the gods, did not care about human struggles, but Prometheus wanted to help mortals.

According to the myths, Prometheus looked for ways to help humans solve their problems. For example, he taught people how to make bricks to build homes, how to tell the seasons by looking at the stars, and how to navigate their ships. Humans, with the help of Prometheus's knowledge, began to advance. They became more independent.

Zeus ordered Prometheus not to help the humans, but Prometheus continued. After Prometheus stole fire from Zeus and gave it to people, Zeus grew incredibly angry. Until then, Zeus alone had controlled fire. By giving it to the humans, Prometheus was offering them the final power they needed to grow and prosper without the help of the gods.

Zeus was furious. "You dared to defy me?" cried Zeus. "You brought fire to those too foolish to use it properly. Now you must be punished!" Zeus chained Prometheus to a mountain and sent an eagle to tear at his flesh. While Prometheus remained bound and helpless, the eagle ate his liver. Each day, the liver grew back, and the eagle attacked it anew.

Prometheus's torture continued for years. Finally, Heracles, a brave warrior and one of Zeus's sons, could no longer stand to see Prometheus suffer. Heracles killed the eagle and set Prometheus free.

**SKILL PRACTICE** Read each question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

- Which of these statements best tells the main idea of the passage?
  - Zeus and Prometheus fought about Heracles.
  - Zeus told Prometheus to avoid humans.
  - Prometheus was chained to a mountain, and an eagle ate his liver.
  - Prometheus disobeyed Zeus by sharing knowledge with humans.
- Which of these is the main idea of the second paragraph?
  - Prometheus wanted to see humans prosper.
  - Prometheus thought humans were foolish.
  - Zeus kept Prometheus away from humans.
  - Prometheus helped humans, but they were ungrateful.
- Which detail explains why Zeus finally decided to punish Prometheus?
  - Prometheus gave fire to humans.
  - Prometheus was a Titan.
  - Prometheus taught humans to make bricks and build homes.
  - Prometheus got help from Heracles.
- Which of these details shows that Prometheus's torture was ongoing?
  - Zeus chained Prometheus to a mountain.
  - Prometheus's liver grew back, and the eagle attacked it again and again.
  - Prometheus was bound and helpless.
  - Heracles killed the eagle and freed Prometheus.

**STRATEGY PRACTICE** Summarize what you learned about Prometheus for a partner.