

# Pandora

Ancient Greek

Pandora was the first woman on Earth. Zeus told the gods to make her to punish men.

Pandora was made of clay. The goddess, Athena, breathed life into her and Aphrodite made her beautiful. When she married, Hermes brought her a special gift. It was a sealed pot, but he told her she must never open it.

One of the qualities the gods had given to Pandora was curiosity. Pandora kept looking at the pot and wondering what was in it.

Finally, she could not resist the temptation any longer, and she twisted the stopper out of the pot. All the evils in the world, disease, misery and death, flew out.

Pandora pushed the stopper back in, but it was too late. She did, however, hear a tiny voice from inside. She opened the pot again and hope fluttered out. So, although she had released all the evils into the world, she had brought hope, as well.

1. What did Zeus want Pandora to do?


2. What was Pandora made of and how did she come alive?


3. What do you think made Pandora want to open the pot?


4. If you had been Pandora's servant, what might you have seen, and what would you have said to her?
