

## PANDORA'S BOX

### 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.

### WHEELLOCK: 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.*

Īapetus duōs filiōs, Promētheum et Epimētheum, habet. Promētheus est vir magnae sapientiae; Epimētheus est vir sine sapientiā. Iuppiter Epimētheō bellam fēminam, Pandōram, dat. Promētheus Epimētheum de Pandorā saepe monet: "Ō Epimētheu, errās! Periculum nōn vidēs. Nōn dēbēs fēminam accipere." Epimētheus Pandōram amat; de periculō nōn cōgitat. Iuppiter Epimētheō arcam dat; nōn licet arcam aperire. Sed Pandōra est cūriōsa: "Quid in arcā est? Multa pecūnia? Magnus numerus gemmārum?" Fēmina arcam aperit. Multae fōrmæ malī prōvolant et errant! Sed Pandōra spem in arcā cōservat. Etiam sī vīta plēna malōrum est, spem semper habēmus.

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## VOCABULARY:

Īapetus, -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"

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

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

arca, -ae, f.: box, chest

licet: it is permitted (+ infinitive)

aperiō, -ire, 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, spei (accusative spem), 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)