In Greek mythology, Pandora was the first woman on earth. Zeus ordered Hephaestus, the god of craftsmanship, to create her and he did, using water and earth. The gods endowed her with many talents; Aphrodite gave her beauty; Apollo music; Hermes persuasion; and so forth. Hence her name: Pandora, "all-gifted".

When Prometheus stole fire from heaven, Zeus took vengeance by presenting Pandora to Epimetheus, Prometheus' brother. With her, Pandora had a jar that she was not to open under any circumstance. Impelled by her natural curiosity, Pandora opened the jar, and all evil contained escaped and spread over the earth. She hastened to close the lid, but the whole contents of the jar had escaped, except for one thing which lay at the bottom, and that was Hope. It escaped later when she opened the jar again.

"Pandora." Encyclopedia Mythica from Encyclopedia Mythica Online.

**Life Principle: Self-Discipline**

**Pandora’s Box**

Step 1: Question Focus: “Self-Discipline”

**Question Focus Technique Resource**

Step 2: Produce Questions.

Rules for producing questions:
1. Ask as many questions as you can.
2. Change any statements into questions.
3. Write down every question exactly as stated.
4. Do not stop to discuss, judge, or answer the questions.

Step 3: Improve the Questions.

1) Identify open and closed-ended questions.
2) Change questions: select one question to change from open to closed-ended and one closed question to open-ended.

Example: Closed to open

How did the story end?

How might the story be different if Pandora had shown some self-discipline?
Step 4: Prioritize questions. Identify 2-3 that are the most important. Be able to share a rationale for your choices.

Critical Thinking Questions:
1. __________________________________________
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2. __________________________________________
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Step 5: Determine how questions are going to be used:
   (Evidence of Learning)
   i.e. research project, real life application,
   assessment creation, discussion, written report,
   visual representation, oral presentation, etc.
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Step 6: Reflection
What do the characteristics of self-discipline look like for me?
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- Lesson on Fables - lesson plan for Grade 7 English Language Arts – maybe adapted for other grade levels
- 19 Everyday Expressions That Came from Aesop
- Lesson Plans for Teaching Aesop’s Fables - includes a wide variety of resources for teaching Aesop’s Fables.