

What's included?

4 short stories

Short Stories	Greek Mythology	Name:	Date:
<i>Pandora's Secret</i>			
When Lina spent the weekend with her grandparents, her favorite activity was to go to flea markets with them. Her grandparents enjoyed finding new markets to explore and they all enjoyed looking for hidden treasures together. One crisp fall morning, Lina and her grandparents wandered through a flea market next to a beautiful park. The falling leaves lined the pathways and Lina enjoyed crunching them on the ground. Tables and stalls filled the market, selling many unique and interesting items. "We will meet you back here in half an hour," Lina's grandmother said, pointing to the tall oak tree at the front of the market. "Let's see what treasures we can find." She added with a smile. Lina beamed back and skipped into the market. Straight away, without being able to explain why, something drew Lina to a particular table. It was at the back of a narrow alley in the market. Heart racing, Lina approached the table and studied the items. The vendor stood back with a gentle smile. Various wooden items, many with symbols and carvings, filled the table. The table held statues and relics collected from distant places. Lina reached for a wooden box. It was as though a gravitational force was pulling her towards it. Her hands touched the box, and she felt a shiver down her spine. Picking it up in her hands, she turned the box over and her fingers traced the ancient Greek letters and symbols carved into the wood. The name <i>Pandora</i> was burned into the lid. "Interesting you found the box straight away," the vendor said in a soft voice. "Be mindful, though. That name can bring trouble to those don't take care." The vendor's message intrigued Lina, and she paid attention to it. She purchased the box and returned to find her grandparents.			

• Story titles (300-400 words each)

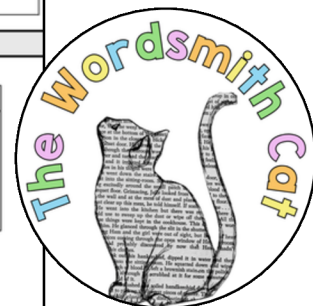
- The Labyrinth Reborn
- Pandora's Secret
- The Oracle's Vision
- Echo in the Machine

Comprehension questions

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Comprehension Questions		
What does Lina find in the box?		
What is the warning that comes with the box?		
What are the consequences of Lina opening the box?		
How is the box described in the story?		
What does Lina learn from the box?		
Main Idea		
What is the main idea of the story? Tick the sentence you think best explains the main idea.		
	A girl finds treasure and becomes rich.	
	A girl opens a mysterious box and spreads a message of hope.	
	A girl gets lost at the flea market.	
	A wooden box is available for sale.	
Theme		
What words best describe the theme of the story? Circle the words you think.		
Hope	Greed	Curiosity
Technology	Kindness	

Extension prompts

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Extension Activities		
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		Research
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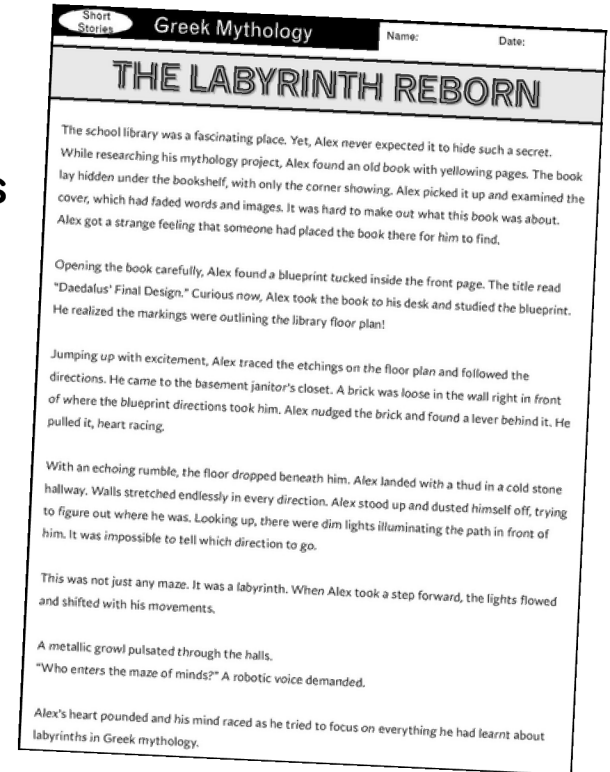
Comprehension questions & activities



Four ready to print stories



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Engage students in reading comprehension.

Help students find evidence in the text on each page.

Make reading comprehension feel achievable.

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Greek Mythology

The Oracle's Vision

The story continued.

Cassie could barely sleep that night. A vision showed the school bus crashing. She panicked in the morning and said she was too sick to go to school, so she stayed home. That same day, the school bus burst a tire on the drive to school. It wasn't a crash like the vision had shown, but it was too much for Cassie to bear. That afternoon, Cassie told her friends about the visions.

To her disappointment, Cassie's friends didn't believe, and they spread the word that she was having visions. Some classmates called her creepy and others asked for predictions. Cassie didn't like the attention and kept the visions to herself. She wished she had never touched that stone in Delphi.

A few weeks went by and Cassie was feeling sad and lonely at school. She hoped people would start forgetting about her strange visions. Then one evening, Cassie's vision showed a fire in the school library. It felt too real and vivid to ignore.

She made a brave choice to act. Even if people thought she was crazy, she had to try something. Cassie went to the library that lunchtime at school. She pulled the fire alarm, and the teachers checked. A heater in the library had just sparked! The teachers could stop the ember before it spread.

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