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Zeus ordered to create Pandora to punish Prometheus for the theft of fire. Many Olympian gods and goddesses contributed to the process of creating Pandora. Hephaestus made her body from water and clay. Athena taught her the art of weaving. Aphrodite put inside Pandora the desire for love, but with heartbreak and sorrow. Lastly, Hermes filled her with lies and thievish behavior. Pandora was beautiful as she had the form of a goddess and a lovely face of a maiden. She wore golden jewelry given by the Graces and Persuasion and was crowned with flowers of spring from Seasons. To mankind, Pandora was a curse and cause of sorrow. When she opened the lid of the jar containing sickness, pain, sorrow, and other bad things, people had to suffer all kinds of torment that could bring them painful deaths.

2.

Pandora and Eve in the Old Testament of the Bible have some certain similarities. They were both women who were created by the immortal (god/God) and given to men. They are described as evil people who were blamed for causing mankind to suffer from all the miseries in the world. Before Pandora and Eve's existences, the men were able to enjoy their lives to the fullest without working hard or worrying about anything. They had food and water available to them all the time. Adam could eat all the fruit in the Garden of Eden, except for the forbidden

ones in the middle of the garden (Adam and Eva, line 15 – 17). In Pandora story, men could eat food that grew naturally from the ground. They did not have to suffer any pain or torment. The men basically had the best lives ever until the first women came.

Besides those similarities, Pandora and Eve also have some differences. Eve was originally created as a gift of the Lord God to Adam so that he would not be alone. She was Adam's suitable helper to take care of the Garden of Eden (Adam and Eve, line 18 – 20). Even though Eve was created by the Lord God, she was made from the man's ribs, thus, she has an intimate connection with Adam (Adam and Eve, line 21 – 22). Moreover, the tragedy that happened was not completely because of Eve's fault. Besides her own desire for gaining wisdom, Eve was deceived by the serpent. Also, Adam, who could have chosen to reject and follow the rule of God, accepted the forbidden fruit given by Eve and ate it (The Fall, line 4 - 7). In contrast, Pandora was intentionally created as a punishment of Zeus to the human (Works and Days, line 55 – 59). She was made from clay and water and received gifts from many Olympian gods and goddesses. Although she was blessed with a beautiful body of a goddess and a lovely face of a maiden that could seduce any man, Zeus wanted her to have terrible characteristics which led to Pandora's jar tragedy later (Works and Day, line 60 – 77). Pandora opened the jar containing diseases, pain, torment, etc., on her own will without being deceived by any forces. She was the only one who was responsible for all the suffering that men had to bear. That explains a sense of misogyny which is hatred of women in the story of Pandora, especially in the Works and Day of Hesiod. According to Hesiod, Pandora was a lazy woman who only consumed but did not help to produce food (Works and Day, line 591 – 600).