Classical Mythology
LLCU 316.010/080

Class 4

Early Humans and their Origins, cont.

The Greek Pantheon:
Zeus and Hera

Reminder: First Info Session for Greece travel abroad, next Monday, 1 pm (Gore 310)

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LLCU 330:
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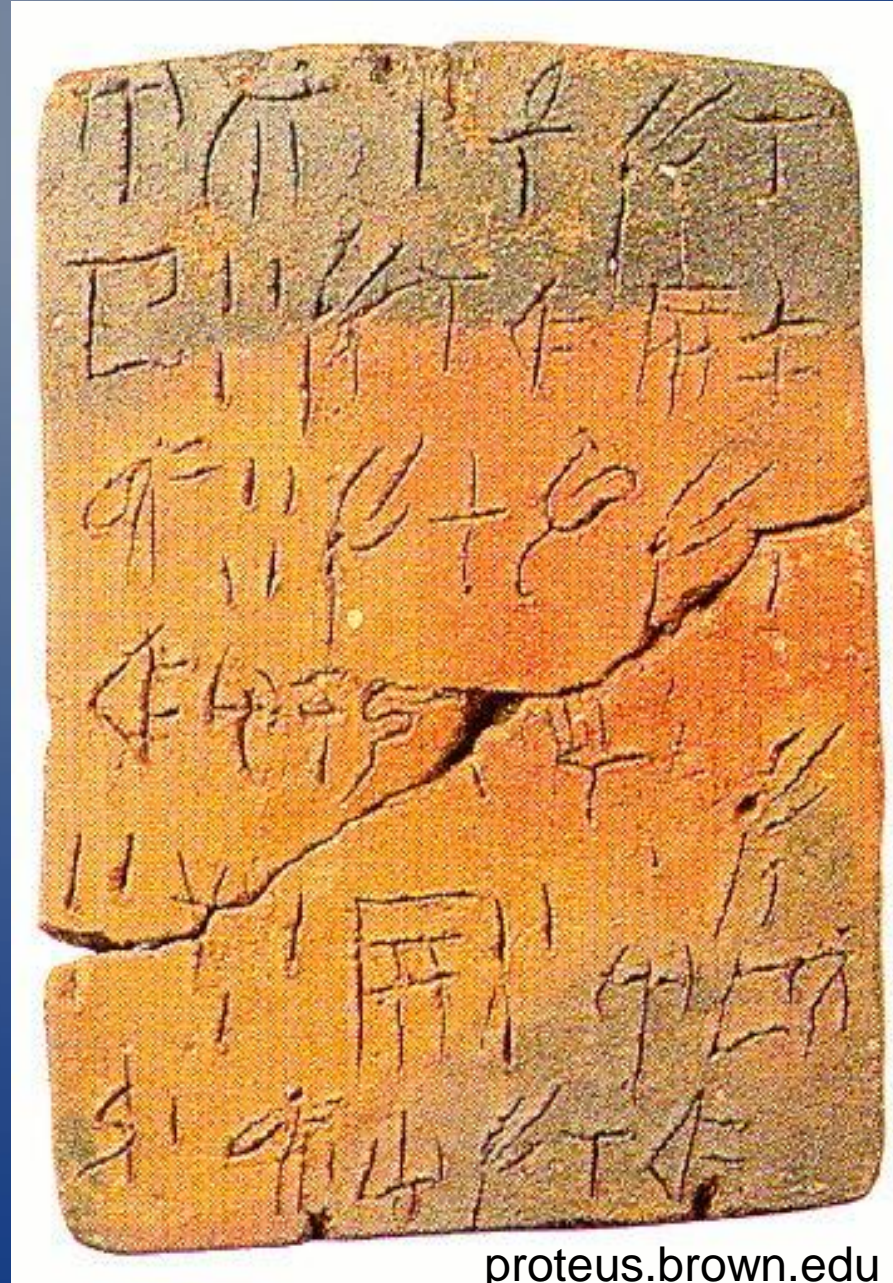UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE | Institute for Global Studies

Next Tuesday's Readings

Classical Mythology: 117-127; 140-164

Bronze Age Greece:
Why do these stories exist?

Bronze Age Greece:
Linear A – Minoan – (undeciphered)

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Bronze Age Greece: Mycenae

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Bronze Age Greece: Mycenae (*ca.* 1200 BCE)
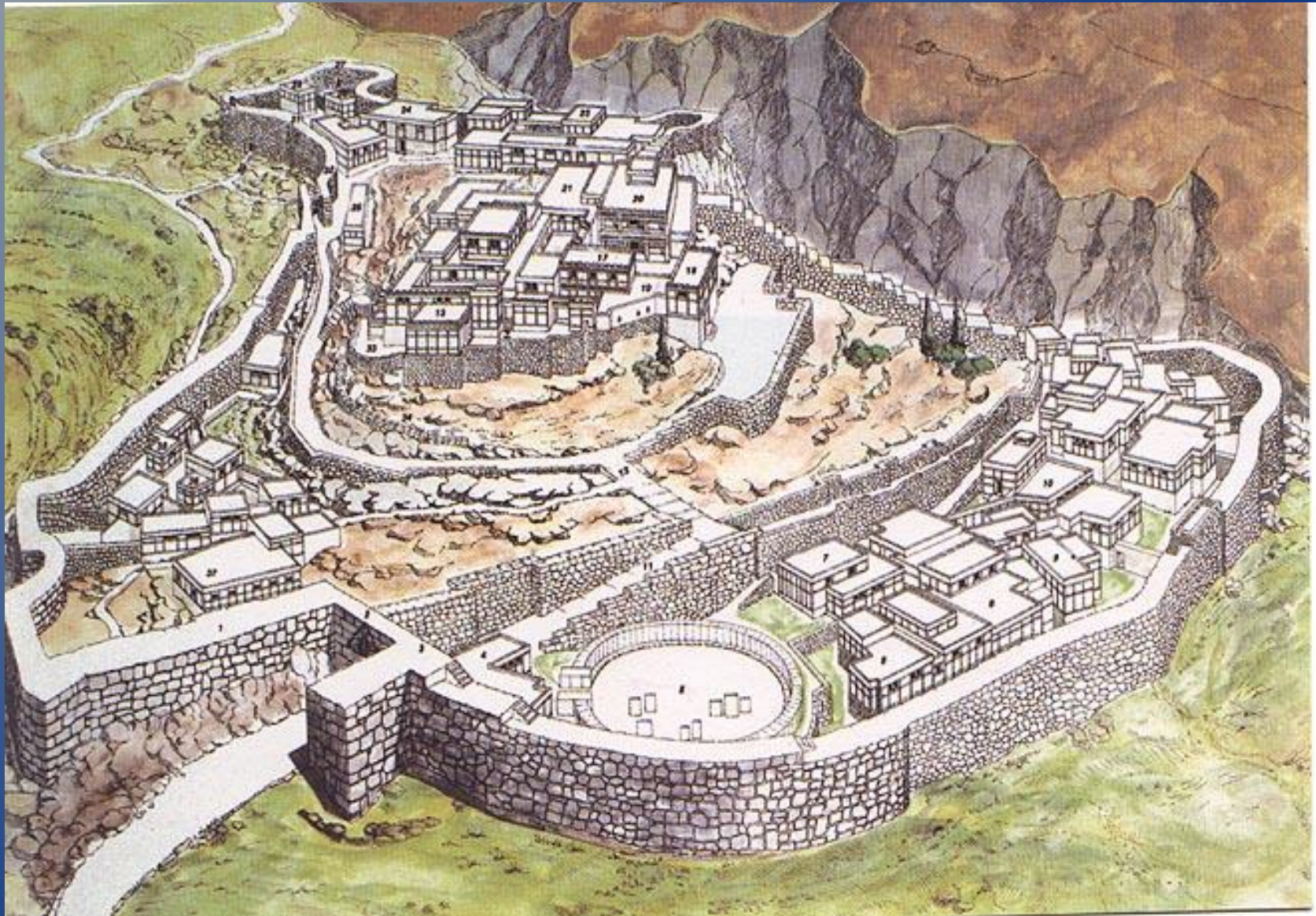
Bronze Age Greece: Mycenae

Lion's Gate

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Bronze Age Greece: Mycenae

Cyclopean Walls

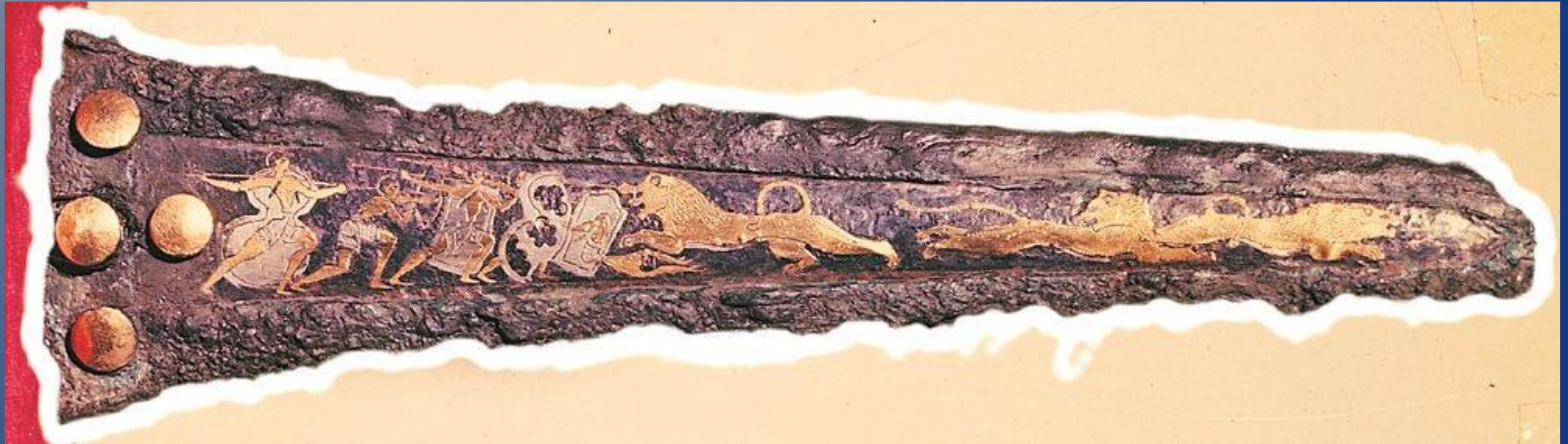# Bronze Age Greece: Mycenae Cyclops

Bronze Age Greece: Mycenae

Bronze Age Scabbard

Bronze Age Greece: Mycenae

- Linear B (deciphered)

- Very similar to Linear A (Island of Crete)

After 1100 BCE, this writing disappeared; Followed by "Dark Age" From 1100-750 BCE

No writing; cities depopulated

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Names of Divinities on Linear B

- Zeus and Hera (named together)
- Poseidon
- Hermes
- Athena
- Artemis
- Paean (later associated with Apollo)
- Enualios (later associated with Ares)
- Dionysus

- Cf. end of *Theogony*

The Age of Zeus

The remainder of the *Theogony*:

- Zeus + Metis (Athena)

- Zeus + Themis (Fates)

- Zeus + Memory (Muses)

The Age of Zeus

The remainder of the *Theogony*:

- Zeus + Hera (Ares)

- Zeus + Leto (Apollo and Artemis)

- Zeus + Hera (Ares)

- Zeus + Maia (Hermes)

- Zeus + Semele (Dionysus)

The Creation of Men:
Prometheus

Most Common Tale:

- Prometheus (forethought) ordered by Zeus (?) to create man

- Prometheus formed him in the gods' image using clay (i.e. earth and water)

The Creation of Men:
Prometheus (2012)

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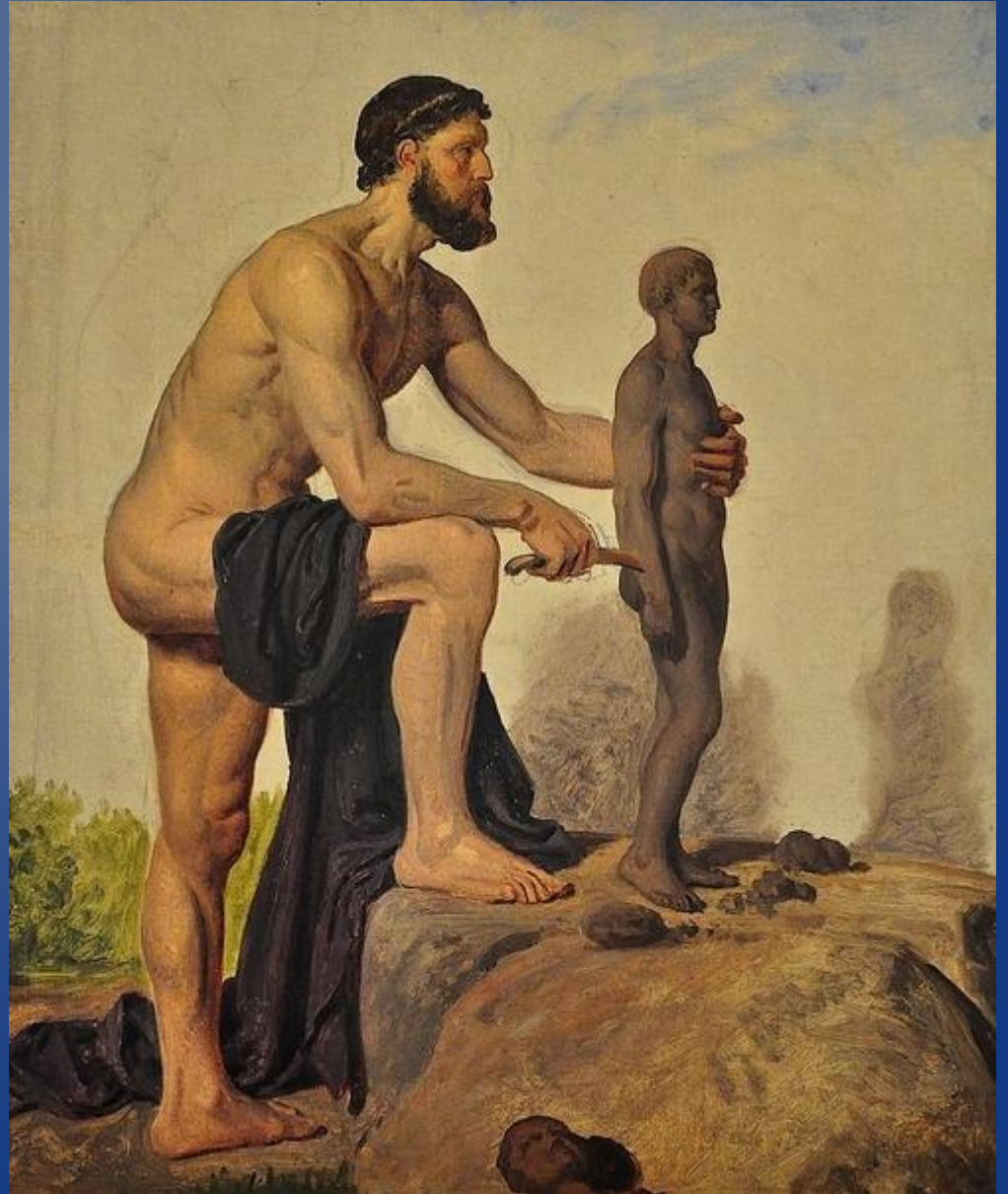
The Creation of Men:
Men and Animals

Plato's *Protagoras*

- Prometheus ("forethought") and Epimetheus ("Afterthought") told to make animals

- After distribution of qualities, humans left with the scraps

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The Hesiodic 'Five Ages of Man'

(1) Golden Age (time of Cronos)
- Idealized people; lived in harmony with gods; "earth covered over them

(2) Silver Age (time of Zeus)
- Prolonged infancy; disrespected gods; destroyed by gods

(3) Bronze Age
- Warlike: killed themselves

(4) Heroic Age
- Noble, if sometimes flawed; better than us. Some in Hades, but others taken to "Isle of the Blessed"

(5) Iron Age
- Hesiod's present day; will one day be destroyed

Ovid's 'Four Ages of Man'

- Golden Age (time of Cronos)

- Silver Age (time of Zeus)

- Bronze Age

- ~~Heroic Age~~

- Iron Age
  - Ovid's present day

Zeus and Prometheus:

Zeus asserts himself as chief god

- Prometheus (literally, 'Forethought') was a Titan and unofficial patron god of men

- Given a choice of two offerings to choose from, Zeus chose the (deceptively) more attractive one: gods were left with the fat and bones

- Punishment: Zeus takes fire away from man

Greeks/Romans and Sacrifice

The concept of *do ut des*

"I give so that you will give."

Divine "love" did not exist in city/state ritual; any interaction between (historical) humans and state gods was a matter of *reciprocity and obligation*

Zeus and Prometheus

Zeus asserts himself as chief god

- Prometheus steals fire back in a fennel stalk to return to humans

- Allowed humans to flourish (and to define themselves as the alpha species on Earth)

Aetiology of Greek Sacrifice:
The Trick of Prometheus

Zeus and Prometheus
Zeus asserts himself as chief god

- Prometheus seized by Kratos ("Power") and Bios ("Force") at the order of Zeus

- Prometheus chained to rock in the Caucuses (mountain range by Black Sea)

- eagle eats liver every day; it grows back every night

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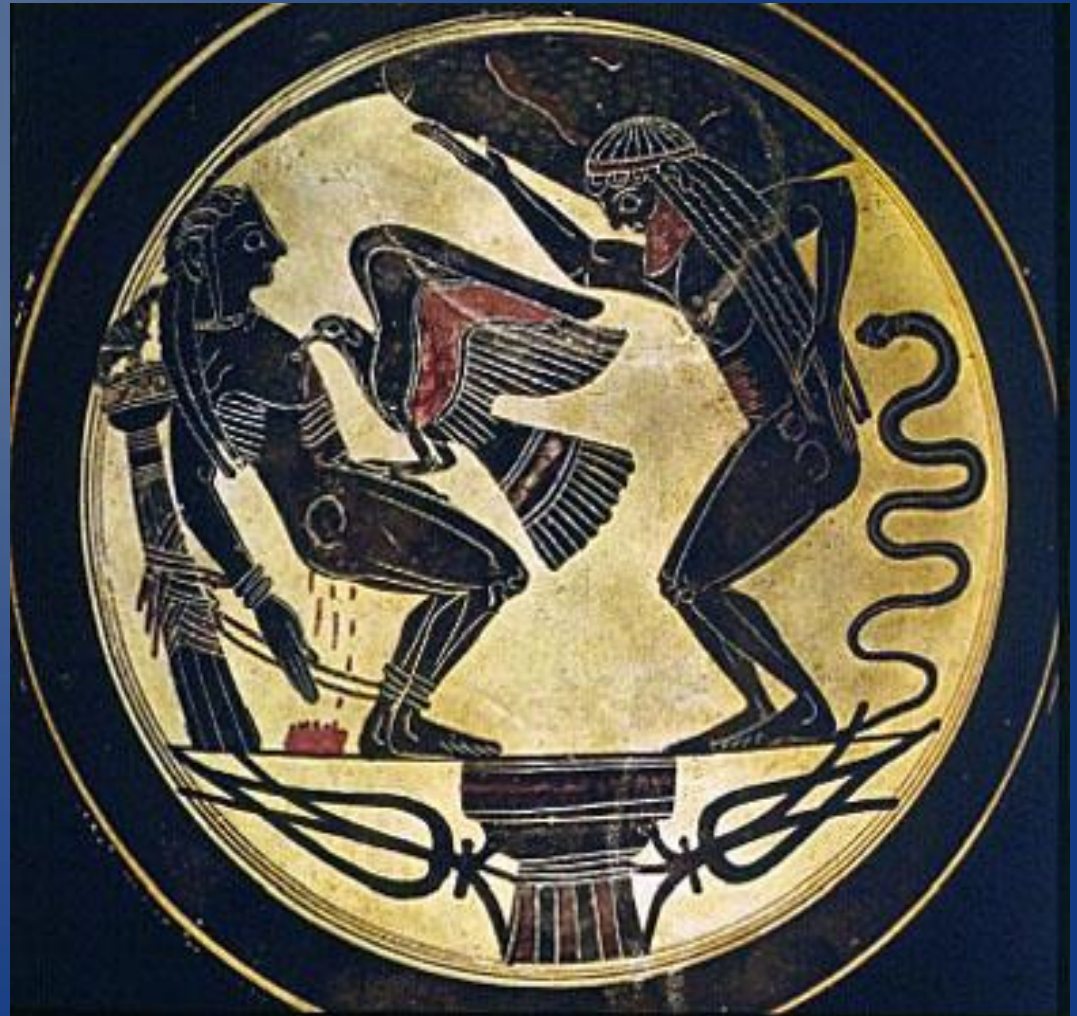
Zeus asserts himself as chief god
"Kratos" = "Power"

Pandora: A "Punishment" to Man

Etymology: "Pandora" = "All Gifts"

Zeus and Prometheus

- As punishment for men's wickedness, he delivers Pandora (first woman) and her jar (*not* a box)

Pandora

Zeus does not create her himself:

- Hephaestus: moulds her from earth and water

- Athena: makes her beautiful clothing

- Aphrodite: bestows her with grace

- Hermes: fills her with trickery

Pandora

- Prometheus' brother Epimetheus ('Afterthought') receives Pandora

- She carries with her a jar containing evils of the world

- She opens it up/trips/
- gives it to a man to open

- Only "Hope" remains in the jar

Pandora

Hesiod:

"From [Pandora] is descended a great pain to mortal men, the race of women, who live with men and cannot put up with harsh poverty, but only with plenty...And [Zeus] gave another evil to balance a good: the man who escapes marriage...comes to a deadly old age for want of someone to look after him in old age."

Pandora

Hesiod and his wife?:

http://dick.mckay.org/html/images/FarmerWife.jpg

The Bronze Age (?)

The Story of Lycaon: Man Becoming Animal

The Bronze Age (?)

The Story of Lycaon:

- Zeus decided to destroy the human race for its insolence (Lycaon an example)

- He was met with some approval, but the other gods were worried that there would be no one to worship them

- Zeus said that he would take full responsibility, and called upon Poseidon (god of the sea) to help bring a great flood