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**Grade 2: Lesson 8 *Pandora's Box***

***Pandora's Box***

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A long time ago, Zeus ruled the world. The world was good, and bad things didn't happen anywhere. Zeus kept all bad things in a box and away from his people.

Pandora was Zeus's daughter. Zeus loved her very much. She was very kind, but she was also very curious.

One day, Pandora met a man. Zeus did not like this man.

Still, Pandora and the man got married. Zeus was very angry.

Zeus put a lock on the box of bad things. Then he gave the box to Pandora. Pandora loved the box.

Zeus gave a small key to Pandora's husband. Zeus told him, "Do not let Pandora open the box. It is dangerous." Zeus knew Pandora would want to open the box. He wanted Pandora to be angry with her husband.

Pandora's husband put the key in a safe place. He told Pandora not to open the box. Pandora wanted to open it because she was curious. She was angry with her husband.

One day, Pandora's husband went to sleep. Pandora took the key. She went to get the box. She was very careful and quiet.

Pandora took the box outside and opened it. Many dangerous things came out of the box. Pandora tried to close the box, but she could not.

The sky turned dark. Pandora was angry with herself. She started to cry and she couldn't stop. Zeus did not like to hear his daughter's loud cries.

Then Pandora looked inside the box. Something else was inside. It was hope.

Hope flew out of the box, and the sky turned light.

Today there are bad things in the world, but there is hope, too. Some people say that this is because of Pandora's box.

**Independent Practice:**

Now it's your turn to demonstrate your understanding of *Pandora's Box*. You will respond to a prompt by writing the answer on a piece of paper. You need to write your answer in complete sentences. Remember, a complete sentence has a subject and a verb. It is a complete thought. You can use the notes that you collected today to help you.

**PROMPT:** What does Zeus do when he hears Pandora cry? What does this tell you about Zeus?