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The Beginning

Creative-Thinking Questions

1. Compare the beginning in Greek legends to the beginning according to Judeo-Christian beliefs or the beliefs of another culture. How are they alike and how are they different?

2. If you had been Cronus, how might you have handled the prophecy about being overthrown by one of your children differently?

3. How do you think Rhea convinced Zeus to overthrow his father?

4. Predict how Zeus might have rescued the Cyclopes.

5. Judge the gifts the Cyclopes gave each of the three gods.

6. Why do you think Cronus was sent to the Elysian Fields rather than Tartarus?

7. If you had a choice of which of Zeus' mankind to live in, which one would you choose and why?

8. Was it wise to challenge a god? Why or why not?

Zeus and Hera

Creative-Thinking Questions

1. Guess why the gods and goddesses made their home on Mount Olympus.

2. Describe what you think might be a typical day in the life of the gods and goddesses.

3. Analyze Zeus and Hera's relationship.

4. What things might Zeus have done to cause Hera to want to teach him a lesson?

5. Was it wise for the other gods to rebel against Zeus? Give reasons to support your answer.

6. Do you think Thetis expected anything in return for helping Zeus escape? Explain.

7. Suppose you were invited to attend the wedding of Hera and Zeus. What would you give them as a wedding present? Why?

8. Suppose you were Zeus and Hera has left you. What might you do to persuade her to return?
