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**Annotate the article considering why Frankenstein is considered *The Modern Prometheus*.**

[**Prometheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Prometheus/prometheus.html) and [**Epimetheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Epimetheus/epimetheus.html), two [**Titans**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/titans.html), were spared imprisonment in [**Tartarus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Other_Gods/Tartarus/tartarus.html) after the [**Titanomachy**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Myths/The_Myths/Titanomachy/titanomachy.html), the War between the [**Titans**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/titans.html) and the [**Olympians**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/olympians.html), because they had not fought alongside the other [**Titans**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/titans.html). Instead, they were given the task of creating man. [**Prometheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Prometheus/prometheus.html) shaped man out of mud, and [**Athena**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Athena/athena.html) breathed life into his clay figure.

[**Prometheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Prometheus/prometheus.html) assigned [**Epimetheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Epimetheus/epimetheus.html) with the task of giving the [**creatures**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Myths/Creatures/creatures.html) of the earth their various qualities, such as swiftness, cunning, strength, fur, wings. Unfortunately, by the time he got to man, [**Epimetheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Epimetheus/epimetheus.html) had given all the good qualities out and there were none left for man. So [**Prometheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Prometheus/prometheus.html) decided to make man stand upright just like the gods did and to give them fire.

[**Prometheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Prometheus/prometheus.html) loved man more than the [**Olympians**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/olympians.html), who had banished most of his family to [**Tartarus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Other_Gods/Tartarus/tartarus.html). So when [**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html) decreed that man must sacrifice a portion of each food to the gods, [**Prometheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Prometheus/prometheus.html) decided to trick [**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html). He created two piles, one with bones wrapped in juicy fat, and another with the finest meat hidden inside a hide. He then asked [**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html) to choose one of the piles; [**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html), unaware, chose the bones and since he had given his word, was forced to accept the bones as his share for future sacrifices. In his anger over the trick, he took fire away from man. However, [**Prometheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Prometheus/prometheus.html) lit a torch from the sun and brought it back again to man. [**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html) was enraged that man again had fire. He decided to inflict a terrible punishment on both man and [**Prometheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Prometheus/prometheus.html).

To punish man, [**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html) had [**Hephaestus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Hephaestus/hephaestus.html) create a mortal of stunning beauty. The gods gave the mortal many gifts of wealth. He then had [**Hermes**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Hermes/hermes.html) give the mortal a deceptive heart and a lying tongue. This creation was [**Pandora**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Myths/Mortals/Pandora/pandora.html), the first woman. A final gift was a jar which [**Pandora**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Myths/Mortals/Pandora/pandora.html) was forbidden to open. Thus, [**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html) sent [**Pandora**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Myths/Mortals/Pandora/pandora.html) to [**Epimetheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Epimetheus/epimetheus.html), who had decided to live amongst men.

[**Prometheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Prometheus/prometheus.html) had warned [**Epimetheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Epimetheus/epimetheus.html) not to accept gifts from [**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html), but [**Pandora**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Myths/Mortals/Pandora/pandora.html)'s beauty was too great; so, he let her stay. Eventually, [**Pandora**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Myths/Mortals/Pandora/pandora.html)'s curiosity about the forbidden jar overwhelmed her; she opened it, releasing all evils upon the earth. Only one thing was left in the jar when [**Pandora**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Myths/Mortals/Pandora/pandora.html) managed to close the lid again - hope.

[**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html) was angry at [**Prometheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Prometheus/prometheus.html) for three things: being tricked on sacrifices, stealing fire for man, and for refusing to tell [**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html) which of [**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html)'s children would dethrone him. [**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html) commanded his servants, Force and Violence, to seize [**Prometheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Prometheus/prometheus.html), take him to the Caucasus Mountains, and chain him to a rock with unbreakable, diamond chains. There, he was tormented day and night by a giant eagle tearing at his liver. [**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html) gave [**Prometheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Prometheus/prometheus.html) two ways out of this torment. He could tell [**Zeus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus.html) who the mother of the child that would dethrone him was. Or meet two conditions: first, that an immortal must volunteer to die for [**Prometheus**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Titans/Prometheus/prometheus.html). And second, that a mortal must kill the eagle and unchain him. Eventually, Chiron the [**Centaur**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Myths/Creatures/Centaur/centaur.html) agreed to die for him and [**Heracles**](http://www.greekmythology.com/Myths/Heroes/Heracles/heracles.html) killed the eagle and unbound him.

1. Summarize the story of Prometheus in 30 words or less.
2. Why is Frankenstein considered *The Modern Prometheus?* Explain your thinking using specific evidence from the texts provided.