Chapter Three: How the World and Mankind Were Created

(from Mythology for Today --- Hamilton's Mythology)

1. In what ways do the Greek creation myths personify natural phenomena? Give several specific examples.

2. Who is Cronus?
   How did he come to power?
   How did he eventually lose power?

3. Describe the punishment of Prometheus.

4. Why was it important that the Titans and Giants be banished from earth before human beings were created?

5. What is the Golden Age?

6. How does Prometheus trick Zeus into accepting an undesirable sacrifice from humans?
7. According to one account of the creation of humankind, what did Prometheus give to humans in order to make them more powerful than the animals?

8. Why did Zeus create Pandora?

9. In the Bible, the story of Adam and Eve suggests that it was a woman, Eve, who brought death and misery into the world. Briefly recount the story of Pandora, and explain how it parallels the biblical story.

10. How does Deucalion interpret the voice that commands him and Pyrrha to “cast behind you the bones of your mother”? What happens when he obeys the command?