Hesiod, *Theogony*

Please read the boxed text and answer the questions which follow.

Cronus was an evil god. He had heard a prophecy that one of his children would become king instead of him. And so he ate them as soon as they were born.

This made Rhea, his wife, very sad, because she had no children left.

Soon, she had had enough so she begged her parents, Earth and Heaven, to help her hide her youngest son when he was born.

Her parents heard her call and were willing to help her! They also told her that her youngest son, Zeus, was destined to defeat Cronus and become King.

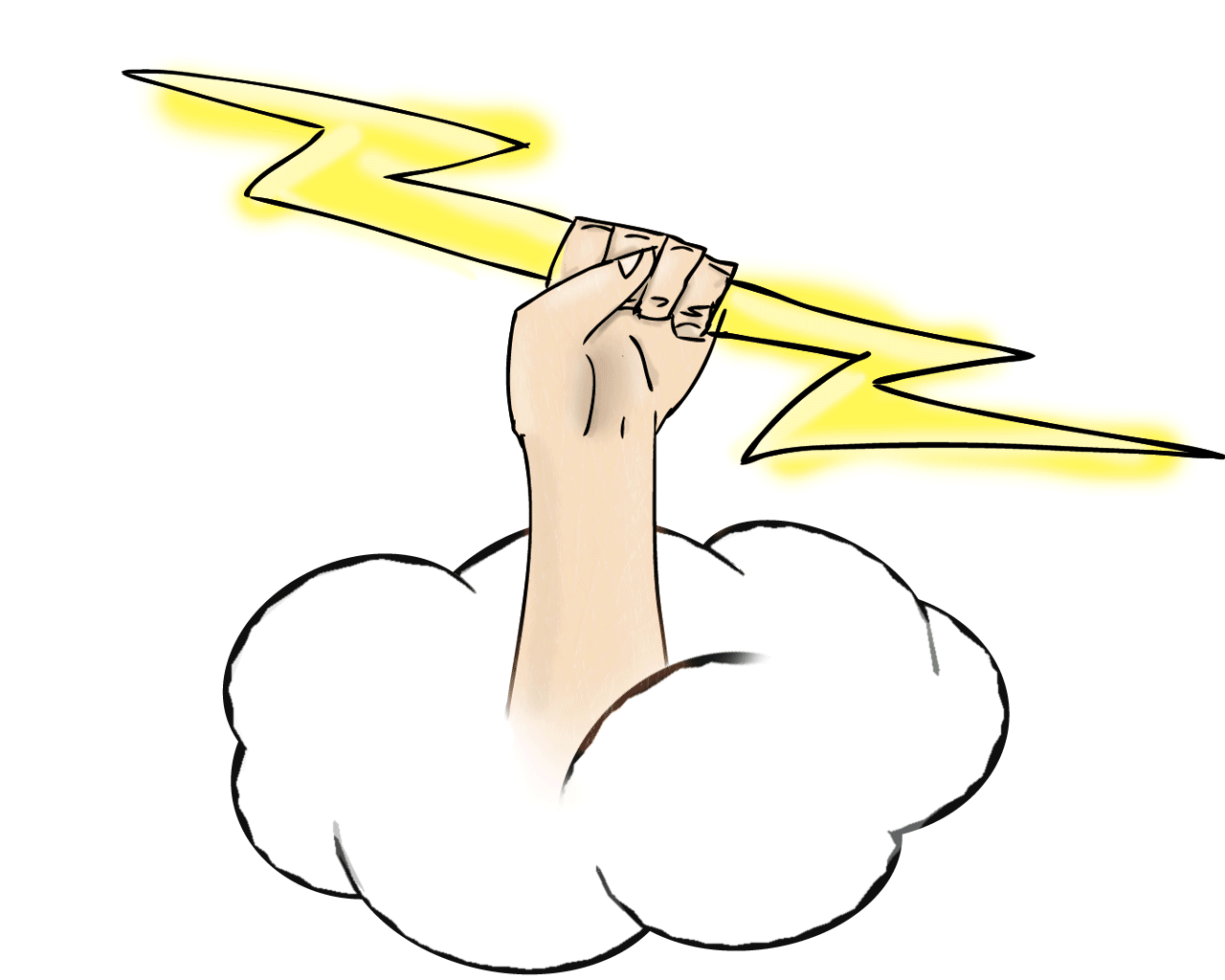
1. Why was Rhea sad? (Circle the Right Answer)

She was married to Cronus. The Prophecy. She had no children.

When Rhea gave birth to Zeus in Crete, her mother, Earth, took the child and hid him in a cave underground. Rhea tricked Cronus by giving him a stone wrapped in a blanket to eat instead. Cronus was fooled and swallowed the stone whole into her belly. He thought he had beaten the prophecy and would now stay king of all the gods. Cronus did not realise that his son Zeus was growing up to be big and strong.

1. Where was Zeus taken?

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1. Who do you prefer, Cronus or Rhea?

And Why?

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1. Put these events in the order that they happened in the story.

Years later, Zeus had grown up to be a strong man, hidden from his father. He eventually grew strong enough to challenge Cronus. Zeus and Cronus fought. Zeus struck his father with a sword and cut his belly to find the stone and all his brothers and sisters still alive in Cronus’s tummy. Due to his victory, Earth gave Zeus the power over Thunder and Lightning Bolts. Zeus then became King of Heaven and Earth, ruling over the Gods and Men.

(Number 1-5)

Cronus was struck by Zeus.

Rhea had children but was sad.

Zeus was hidden in a cave.

Earth and Heaven helped Rhea.

Zeus becomes King.

1. Highlight the words you found difficult to read and write them below:

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1. Now create a sentence using these words.

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