ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CONTENT MODULES

Sample Exemplar

ELA Content Module 4, Session 1

Grades 6-8

What motivates Prometheus to defy Jupiter? What does this reveal about his character?

Prometheus is motivated to defy Jupiter because he wants to make the world a better place for humans and because he thinks Jupiter is abusing his power. Unlike Jupiter, Prometheus wants the humans to be better and wiser. He hates how lazy the gods are and that they are trying to stay in power by keeping humans ignorant. This reveals that Prometheus is noble and cares about something other than himself.

Evidence	How this evidence supports my thinking
"'He went out amongst men to live with them and help them; for his heart was filled with sadness when he found that they were no longer happy…"	When he realized that humans were miserable, he went to live with them and help them.
"Mankind shall have fire in spite of the tyrant who sits on the mountaintop," he said.	Prometheus calls Jupiter a tyrant, showing that he thinks Jupiter is misusing his power. He is determined to give humans fire. Prometheus cares so much that he even is even willing to defy Jupiter to improve life for the humans.