


Should Humans Have Fire?

Lesson 1.2 Worksheet

Brainstorm different characteristics and capabilities of fire.

Looks like...		Feels like...
Sounds like...		Smells like...
What does fire do?		

What might fire represent to humans? Brainstorm creatively and playfully, moving from concrete actions and details about fire to symbolic representations and deeper meanings.

Argument Made by Zeus or Prometheus	Humans' Action	What Fire Represents
Humans are in darkness without fire.	Humans use torches to light their way at night.	
Humans are in ignorance without fire.	Humans with fire learn to make tools.	
Humans are happy without fire.	Humans with fire start wars.	
Humans without fire are like animals.	Humans without fire live in caves.	
Humans with fire will think they are like gods.	Humans with fire wear helmets and use chariots like the gods themselves.	

Act it out!

Roles in each group

- Director: _____
- Zeus: _____
- Humans (rest of group members):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

The humans in my group were assigned the emotion: *(do not reveal to other groups)*

Happy

Unhappy

Greedy

Generous

Highlight details and take notes that you can use to act out your scene. Focus on different characteristics of fire and how humans react to those qualities. What gestures or facial expressions will best illustrate your character?

Then one day Zeus looked down from the mountain and was amazed. Everything had changed. Man had come out of his cave. Zeus saw woodmen's huts, farm houses, villages, walled towns, even a castle or two. He saw men cooking their food, carrying torches to light their way at night. He saw forges blazing, men beating out ploughs, keels, swords, spears. They were making ships and raising white wings of sails and daring to use the fury of the winds for their journeys. They were wearing helmets, riding out in chariots to do battle, like the gods themselves.

Notes:

Based on your reading and acting out of Evslin's "Prometheus," which character do you think is right about whether or not humans should have fire? *(Circle one)*

ZEUS: Humans should NOT have fire

PROMETHEUS: Humans should have fire