

Unit 2 - Classwork 7: Hesiod's *Works and Days* and *Catalogue of Women*

In order to help you answer these questions, see pages 51 — 54 in Unit 2.

1. When Pandora's Box was opened, Pandora unleashed many horrible things upon humans, but did she *mean* to harm human beings? *Why* or *why not*? Explain.

2. According to Hesiod, there were five consecutive human races or 'Five Ages of Man'. In other words, he believed that human beings have been created five times, and each human generation is one of the five human races or 'Five Ages of Man'. According to Hesiod, what were the Five Ages of Man? List them in order. (No partial credit shall be given.)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(iii) _____

(iv) _____

(v) _____

3. According to Hesiod, *why* did the Silver Age of Man come to an *end*?

4. According to Hesiod, *why* did the Bronze Age of Man come to an *end*?

5. According to Hesiod, *he* was living in *which* one of the Five Ages of Man?

6. According to Hesiod, has life been getting *better* for human beings? *Why* or *why not*? Explain.

7. According to Hesiod, *which* one of the Five Ages of Man was the *best* generation of the human race (and why)? Explain.

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8. According to Hesiod, Hellen was the ancestor of the Hellenes (or Greeks).

(i) According to Hesiod, who was the ancestor of the Aeolians?

(ii) According to Hesiod, who was the ancestor of the Ionians?

(iii) According to Hesiod, who was the ancestor of the Dorians?

(iv) According to Hesiod, who was the ancestor of the Macedonians?

(v) According to some Greeks (such as Aristotle), the Greeks were the Hellenes, the Grecians, and the Macedonians. Yet according to Hesiod, what was the difference between the *Hellenes* and the *Grecians*?