Gallery Walk Charts: Evaluating Student Responses
ELA Content Module 3, Session 3
Grades 6-8

Chart 1: Student Response #1

Prometheus gives fire to the humans, even though Jupiter forbid him to do it. He did this because he felt bad for the humans, who were cold and starving and miserable. He saw that they weren't as happy as they used to be and he wanted to make their lives better by giving them fire. This tells us that Prometheus is very opposite of Jupiter in that he cares about the people and thinks of others before just thinking of himself.

Chart 2: Student Response #2

Prometheus defies Jupiter because he was saddened by what he saw down on Earth and wanted to make life better for the humans. When Prometheus went down to spend time with the humans he saw "…how very poor and wretched they are…shivering with cold." Seeing the humans like this made him extremely sad. In the text it says "his heart was filled with sadness when he realized they were no longer happy." He wanted to do something to improve their lives, and so he gave them fire (even though Jupiter told him not to) so they could stay warm and cook food. This reveals that Prometheus is not selfish like Jupiter. Instead of just spending his time enjoying the good life up in the clouds like the gods, he is more concerned with making the world a better place.

Chart 3: Student Response #3

Prometheus defies Jupiter because “If they only had fire, they could at least warm themselves and cook their food; and after a while they could learn to make tools and build themselves houses. Without fire, they are worse off than the beasts.” The text says “mankind shall have fire in spite of the tyrant who sits on the mountaintop.”

Chart 4: Student Response #4

Prometheus defies Jupiter because he wants to take Jupiter's place as the king. Prometheus didn't like the way Jupiter was ruling and thought he could do a better job ruling the Earth. The only way to take over is to defy him and to get the people to follow him instead. That is Prometheus's motivation and it tells us that he is brave and strong like a leader, but also maybe a little bit greedy because he wants to be the ruler. And in the text it says "he went boldly to Jupiter." And that's why he is brave.