

Creation Stories Around the World

Learning objective: To identify key themes and differences in how various religions and cultures explain the beginning of the world.

Pip the bookworm has found some fascinating stories about how the world began! Some stories talk about a powerful Creator, while others speak of cosmic eggs or great floods. Read the descriptions below and match the creation theme to the correct story type by writing the letter in the box. Then, use your imagination for the final challenge!

Word bank: Divine Creator · Cosmic Egg · Earth-Diver · Chaos and Order · Natural Forces

1. A story where a single, powerful being speaks the world into existence from nothing. Which theme is this? (A: Divine Creator, B: Cosmic Egg) (1 mark)

2. A story where the universe begins inside a giant egg that cracks open to reveal the sun, moon, and earth. Which theme is this? (A: Earth-Diver, B: Cosmic Egg) (1 mark)

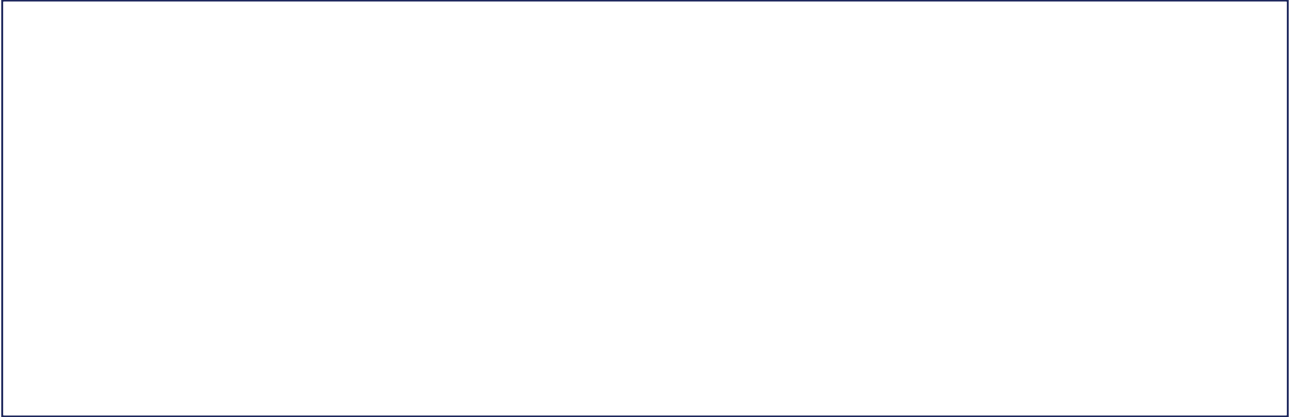
3. A story where a small animal dives deep into a primordial ocean to bring up a handful of mud to build the land. Which theme is this? (A: Earth-Diver, B: Natural Forces) (1 mark)

4. A story where the world starts as a swirling, messy void of darkness and water before being tidied into order. Which theme is this? (A: Chaos and Order, B: Divine Creator) (1 mark)

5. Many creation stories use 'symbols'. If a story uses 'light' to show the start of the world, what do you think that symbol represents? (e.g., Hope, Knowledge, or Power) (2 marks)

6. Why do you think different cultures across the world have different stories to explain how we got here? (2 marks)

Draw: If you were to create a symbol that represents 'The Beginning of Everything', what would it look like? Draw your original symbol here!



Extension challenge: Can you think of one thing that almost all creation stories have in common? Write a sentence explaining why you think this is an important part of these stories.