

Creation Stories: The Wonders of the World

Learning objective: To understand and compare different religious and non-religious perspectives on the origins of the world and humanity.

Join Ellie the elephant on a journey through history! Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of creation stories to solve the puzzles. Some questions have multiple choices, while others need a thoughtful answer.

Answer Key: 1. D, 2. True, 3. True, 4. B, 5. False, 6. Genesis, 7. Stewardship, 8. A, 9. C, 10. Creation stories provide meaning and purpose to life, helping people understand their place in the world and their duty to look after it.

Word bank: Stewardship · Origin · Universe · Mythology · Sacred · Responsibility · Genesis · Evolution

1. 1. In many religious traditions, what is the word used to describe the story of how the world began? A) A fable B) A biography C) A mystery D) A creation story* (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Some creation stories suggest that humans have a special responsibility to look after the natural world. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Non-religious perspectives often look to scientific evidence and theories, such as the Big Bang, to explain the universe's origin. (1 mark)

4. 4. Which book contains the creation story found in the Christian and Jewish traditions? A) The Atlas B) Genesis* C) The History of Time D) A Poetry Anthology (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: All creation stories from around the world are exactly the same. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: The idea that humans should care for the Earth as if it were a precious gift is often called _____. (1 mark)

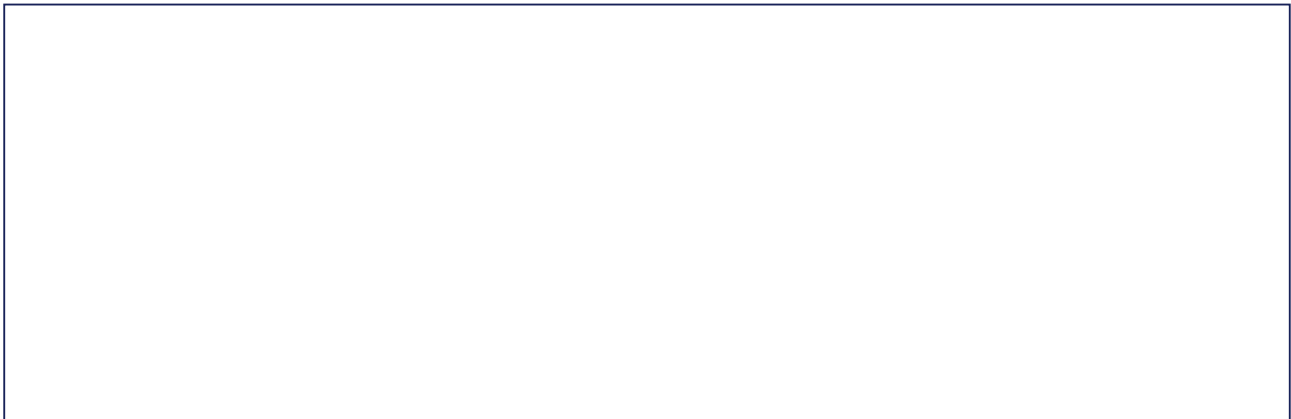
7. 7. What is one common theme found in many different world creation stories? (One word answer) (1 mark)

8. 8. Which of these best describes why creation stories are important to believers? A) They explain the 'why' of life* B) They provide a recipe for baking bread C) They are only meant to be funny D) They tell us exactly what the weather will be (1 mark)

9. 9. If a creation story says that humans were made from clay, what might that tell us about how that culture views the relationship between people and the Earth? A) People are made of magic B) The Earth is not important C) People are connected to the physical world* D) People should live in the sky (1 mark)

10. 10. Explain why different cultures might have different stories about how the world began. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene that represents your favourite creation story. Include nature, light, and living things to show the beauty of the world beginning.



Extension challenge: 1. Compare and contrast a scientific explanation of the universe with a religious creation story. What are the main differences in how they explain the 'start'? 2. Justify your answer: Why is it important for people to respect the beliefs of others regarding the origin of life? 3. Explain why many creation stories involve light appearing in the darkness. 4. What might happen if humans ignored the concept of stewardship? 5. If you were to write a story about the creation of a new planet, what would be the first thing you would create and why? 6. Analyse how art is used to depict these stories—why do artists often use vibrant colours when painting scenes of creation?