

Exploring Creation Stories: A Comparative Journey

Learning objective: To identify, compare, and explain the significance of creation stories across different religious traditions.

Use the prompts below to structure your essay. Ensure you use comparative language to highlight similarities and differences between the narratives you have studied.

Across the world, many cultures and religions share ancient stories that explain how the universe and life began.

Word bank: In contrast · Similarly · Furthermore · Symbolic meaning · However · Divine intervention · From the perspective of · Ultimately · Reflects the belief that

1. Introduction: State the names of the two creation stories you have chosen to compare and explain why these stories are important to believers... (2 marks)

2. The First Narrative: Describe the key sequence of events in the first story. What role does a creator or natural force play in bringing life into existence? (3 marks)

3. The Second Narrative: Outline the events of the second story. How does this account differ from the first one in terms of its tone or message? (3 marks)

4. Comparison: Compare and contrast the two stories. What are the shared themes regarding the origin of humanity or the natural world? (4 marks)

5. Analysis: Explain why you think humans feel the need to tell stories about the origins of the world. Justify your reasoning using examples from your own observations... (4 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise what these stories reveal about how different groups of people understand their relationship with the world around them... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer like Finn the Dolphin discovering a brand new island. Write a short, original creation myth for this island. What unique elements would your story include to explain the island's landscape? Justify why your chosen elements would be meaningful to the people living there.