

Creation Stories: A Comparative Fact-File

Learning objective: To compare and contrast different creation stories and reflect on their meanings.

Use this fact-file to explore two different creation stories. You might look at stories from world religions or traditional myths. Use the word bank to help you describe the key features of each story. Remember to consider how the stories explain the beginning of the world and the role of humans.

Word bank: origins · deity · nature · purpose · existence · stewardship · belief · symbolism · universe · humanity

1. Story 1: Title and Origin: Name the creation story you have chosen and identify which culture or religion it belongs to. (2 marks)

2. Summary of Events: Briefly describe the main events in this story. How was the world created? (3 marks)

3. Story 2: Title and Origin: Name a second, different creation story you have researched. (2 marks)

4. Comparing Themes: What is one major similarity between these two stories? What is one major difference? (4 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: Why do you think different cultures around the world created stories to explain how the world began? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose one of the stories and write a short poem from the perspective of an animal or a star witnessing the creation of the world. Think about how Leo the lion would use descriptive, poetic language to describe the scene.