

Creation Perspectives: The Wisdom of Ellie and Leo

Learning objective: To compare and contrast different religious and non-religious views on the origins of the world, developing a respectful understanding of diverse perspectives.

Ellie the elephant and Leo the lion are exploring how different people believe the world began. Read the statements below. You must sort these into three categories: 'Scientific Perspective', 'Religious Perspective', or 'Shared Values'. Once sorted, use your knowledge to justify why humans might hold different beliefs about the same big question.

Word bank: Big Bang · Divine Creator · Stewardship · Evolution · Purpose · Evidence · Sacred Text · Responsibility

1. Sort the following into 'Scientific', 'Religious', or 'Shared Values': 1. The universe began 13.8 billion years ago. 2. God spoke the world into existence. 3. Humans have a duty to care for the Earth. 4. Species change over millions of years through natural selection. (4 marks)

2. Explain why a person might find meaning in both a scientific explanation and a religious creation story at the same time. (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the idea of 'Stewardship' in religious traditions with the idea of 'Environmental Responsibility' in science. How are they similar? (3 marks)

4. Justify your answer: Is it possible for two people to look at the same world and see different origins? Why might this happen? (3 marks)

5. What might happen if all human societies agreed on exactly how the world was created? Would this change how we treat the planet? Explain your reasoning. (4 marks)

6. If you were to create a 'Global Creation Story' that combined science and wonder, what three elements would you include and why? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a split-screen image. On the left, illustrate a scientific representation of the early universe (like the Big Bang). On the right, illustrate a creative, symbolic representation of a religious creation story. In the centre, draw Ellie and Leo holding hands to represent the dialogue between these ideas.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a persuasive paragraph from the perspective of a historian (like Ellie) explaining why it is important to respect beliefs that differ from your own when discussing the origins of life.