

Creation Stories: Visualising Beginnings

Learning objective: To explore how different religious and cultural traditions use symbolism and imagery to describe the origins of the world.

Use this sheet to illustrate a creation narrative. Think about how symbols like light, water, and nature represent the beginning of existence. Use your drawing to explain the significance of these elements.

Draw: Create a split-screen illustration. On the left, draw a scene representing 'Chaos' using abstract shapes, swirling lines, and dark or clashing colours. On the right, draw a scene representing 'Order' using geometric patterns, vibrant colours, and balanced, harmonious imagery of nature or the cosmos. Incorporate at least three items from the word bank as labels within your artwork.



Label words: Symbolism · Chaos · Order · Eternity · Cosmos · Harmony · Creation · Origin

Steps:

1. Explain why many ancient creation stories feature a transition from 'chaos' to 'order'.
2. Compare and contrast how a 'water' symbol and a 'light' symbol might change the mood of your drawing.
3. Justify why it is important for communities to have a story that explains the origin of the universe.
4. Label the three most important symbols in your drawing and explain what each one represents.
5. What might happen if a culture's creation story did not include any living creatures?

6. In your opinion, which element (light, water, earth, or sky) is the most powerful symbol to include in a creation story? Explain your reasoning.