

Creation Stories: A Global Perspective

Learning objective: To understand, compare, and contrast diverse creation narratives from various religious and cultural traditions.

Join Ellie the elephant on a journey through history and belief. Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of world religions to complete this quiz.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. False, 4. B, 5. True, 6. Genesis, 7. B, 8. True, 9. C, 10. Stewardship. Note: Creation stories are symbolic accounts of how the world began. While they differ in detail, many share themes of order, purpose, and the human relationship with the natural world.

Word bank: Genesis · Dreamtime · Cosmos · Stewardship · Deity · Mythology · Origin · Tradition

**1. 1. In the Abrahamic tradition, which book describes the creation of the world in six days?
A) Exodus B) Genesis* C) Leviticus D) Numbers (1 mark)**

2. 2. True or False: Many creation stories explain why the world is the way it is today. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: All religions across the world share the exact same creation story. (1 mark)

**4. 4. Aboriginal Australian spirituality refers to the 'beginning of time' as: A) The Great Sleep
B) The Dreamtime* C) The Star Era D) The Quietude (1 mark)**

5. 5. True or False: Creation stories often feature powerful forces or deities bringing order to chaos. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the one-word name for the first book of the Hebrew Bible and the Christian Old Testament? (1 mark)

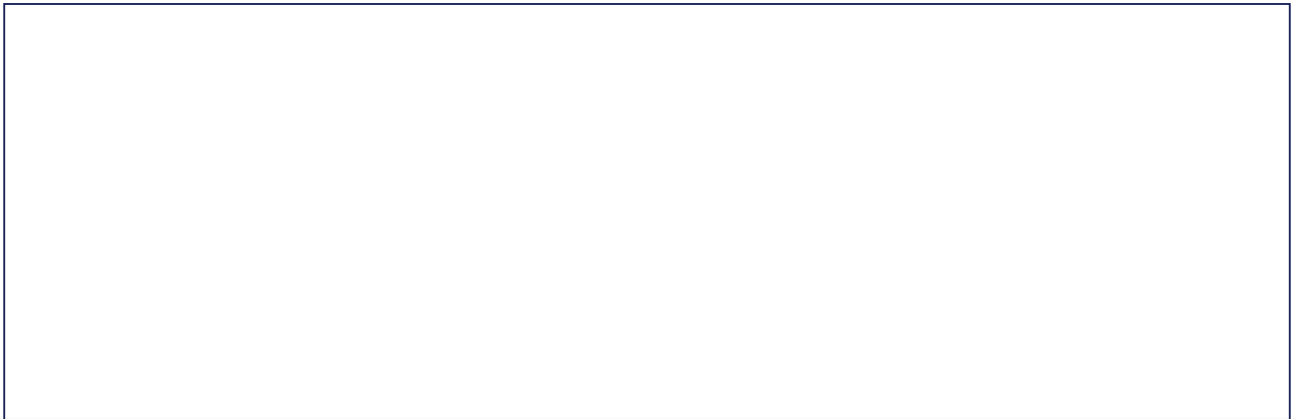
**7. 7. Which of these is a common theme found in many creation narratives? A) Scientific data
B) The relationship between humans and nature* C) The invention of electricity D) Modern transport (1 mark)**

8. 8. True or False: Creation stories are considered 'myths' in a religious context, which means they are sacred stories that convey deep truths, not necessarily scientific facts. (1 mark)

9. 9. In many creation stories, what is the role of the creator? A) To observe only B) To create and then leave C) To bring life and purpose to the world* D) To build cities (1 mark)

10. 10. What is the religious term for the responsibility humans have to look after the world that has been created? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene that represents 'order coming from chaos'. You might choose to show a peaceful garden, a star-filled night sky, or the elements of nature (earth, wind, water, fire) coming together in harmony.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why different cultures might have developed different stories to explain the origins of the universe. 2. Compare and contrast the Christian account of creation with one other tradition you have researched. 3. Justify your answer: Why do you think stories about creation are still important to people today? 4. What might happen if a society lost its creation stories? 5. How does the concept of 'stewardship' influence how a religious person treats the environment? 6. Design your own original creation myth that features at least three elements of the natural world.