Creation Stories: A Comparative Fact-File

Learning objective: To compare and contrast different religious and non-religious creation stories, identifying key themes and symbols.

Use this fact-file to explore two different creation stories you have studied. Research the origin of each story, the key figures involved, and the main message about the world and humanity. Compare how they are similar and how they are different.

Word bank: theology · symbolism · origin · humanity · stewardship · sacred · narrative · tradition · interpretation · universe

1. Story Summary: Briefly outline the sequence of events in your chosen creation story, mentioning the key figures involved. (3 marks)

2. Symbolism: Identify two symbols in the story (e.g., light, water, animals) and explain what you think they represent in that tradition. (4 marks)

3. Humanity's Role: According to this story, what is the purpose of human life or our responsibility towards the natural world? (3 marks)

4. Comparison: How does this story differ from other creation accounts you have learned about? Think about the tone and the creator figures. (4 marks)

5. Reflection: Why do you think creation stories are important to communities, even in the modern world? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose one story and write a short poem from the perspective of an observer witnessing the creation of the world. Use descriptive language to capture the mood of the narrative.