

Origin/Creation Myth Writing Assignment

Many cultures used myths to answer questions about the natural phenomena they saw in the world, questions such as *How was the world created?* And *Why do we have night and day?* Myths that answer such questions are called origin myths. They explain why the world is the way it is today.

TASK: Write an original creation myth explaining a natural phenomenon. Story must include all elements of a story plot.

Typing requirements

- Double spaced
- Black font color
- 1" margins
- Full justification
- Times New Roman Font
- 12 Font Size
- Name and class period as a header
- Title-centered-double spacing between title and first paragraph
- Minimum of 3 paragraphs-introduction, body, and conclusion
- Minimum 1.5 pages in length
- Maximum 2 pages in length

Rubric-see back for grading criteria

Creation Myth Writing Rubric

	Excellent A	Good B	Fair C	Needs Improvement D	Poor F
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Plot	Plot is logical, clear, and detailed. The order of events is easy to follow.	Plot is logical and clear. The order of events is able to be followed.	Plot is mostly logical and clear. The order of events is usually able to be followed.	Plot is partially logical and clear. The order of events is sometimes difficult to follow.	Plot is not logical or clear. The order of events is not able to be followed.
Setting And Characters	Settings and characters are clearly described within the myth. They play an active role in the outcome.	Setting and characters are clearly described for the reader in the myth. Most play an active role in the outcome.	Settings and characters are basically described in the myth. Most play an active role in the outcome.	Settings and characters are stated in the myth, but very little description is included. Some do not make sense.	Settings and characters are unclear, or do not make sense within the context of the myth.
Explanation of Origin	The myth clearly and creatively explains the origin of a chosen subject.	The myth clearly explains the origin of a chosen subject.	The myth somewhat explains the origin of a chosen subject.	The myth attempts to explain the origin of a chosen subject, but the explanation is confusing.	The myth does not explain the origin of a chosen subject.
Inclusion of Gods and/or Goddesses	3+ gods or goddesses are appropriately included in the myth.	2 gods or goddesses are included in the myth.	1 god or goddesses is appropriately included in the myth.	1 god or goddesses is included in the myth, but the context is not appropriate to him/her.	Gods/goddesses are not included in the myth.
Nuts & Bolts	The myth surpasses the minimum length. It is free of spelling and/or grammatical errors.	The myth meets the minimum length. Errors in spelling or grammar are minor.	The myth meets the minimum length. Errors in spelling or grammar are occasionally distracting.	The myth almost meets the minimum length. Errors in spelling or grammar are often distracting.	The myth does not meet the minimum length. Errors in spelling or grammar are frequently distracting.
Formatting of Paper	The paper followed all typing guidelines.	The paper contains only 1 mistake in typing guidelines.	The paper contains 2 or 3 mistakes in typing guidelines.	The paper contains 4 mistakes in typing guidelines.	The paper contains 5 or more mistakes in typing guidelines.