

Text Analysis

CREATION MYTHS

A **myth** is a traditional story, usually involving supernatural beings or events, that explains how some aspect of human nature or the natural world came to be. A **creation myth** is a specific kind of myth that typically

- describes how the universe, earth, and life began
- explains the workings of the natural world
- supports and validates social customs and values
- guides people through the trials of living

Directions: In the chart, record examples from the selection that illustrate each of the four characteristics of a creation myth.

Characteristics of a Creation Myth	Examples
to describe how the world began	
to explain the workings of the natural world	
to support social customs	
to guide people	

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