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# CREATE YOUR OWN MAYA MYTH

Myths are explanations of how and why something happened. Like how the world began, how a particular people or animal came to be, or how natural phenomena started. For example - where rain comes from, or how the shark got its fin. Many include a lesson on why people should behave in certain ways. Good or clever behavior often gets rewarded and bad or foolish actions often get punished. Or, it can be all about luck.

In this activity you will be creating your own myth to describe how the world came to be, or how and why a natural phenomenon like the sun or rain might have been created at a mythic level.

Things to consider: who or what did the creating? how did they interact with each other? Was there conflict between them? Why did they want to create this? And where did it all take place? Let your imagination run wild and create a magical world where anything is possible.

Once your ideas are in place, write your story.

What is your myth explaining?

Is there a lesson or moral to the story?

Who (or what) is the hero(s) of your story? What are their strengths? And more interestingly what are their weaknesses?

Why did they want to create this, or did it happen by accident? Did someone or something try to prevent it, or change it?

Where and when did it take place?

Your Myth: