

World Religions:

Origin Stories

AGENDA:

- Origin Stories Notes
- Origin Story activity
 - Video & Readings

Stamped:

- Guns, Germs, & Steel Video Notes (Maybe?)
- Jared Diamond's Big Ideas
 - Worksheet & Journal
- Textbook Ch. 1, Sec 3
- Geographic Impacts worksheet

I can analyze origin stories from various early civilizations in order to identify common features of origin stories.

Origin Stories

- Stories that cultures used (and still use) to explain the world around them.
- Often a higher power or force that is involved with creating the world!
 - explains such things as why there are seasons, elements, water, sky, the earth, etc.
- Essentially it's the idea of how the world came to be in existence
 - Usually how humans came to be as well!

Today's Activity

- Analyze video and print sources of origin stories from different early civilizations
- Identify common patterns and features of origin stories

Egyptian Origin Story

- Watch the origin story of ancient Egypt.
- Pay attention for:
 - Main events
 - Explanations for parts of the world
- [Egyptian Creation Story Video](#)

What happened?

- What different aspects of the world/universe did the story explain?
- How do you think ancient Egyptians used this myth to help guide their life?

Graphic Organizer

- Watch video again
 - [Egyptian Creation Story Video](#)
- In groups, complete the first row of the graphic organizer about the Egyptian origin story.
- Be ready to share with the whole class!

Activity

1. Read an origin story located at you table group individually, taking notes as you read in your journal.
2. Gather with your new group (who read the same story as you) and complete the graphic organizer.
3. Discuss:
 - What do the 2 origin stories have in common (Egypt & your specific story)?
 - What is unique about the individual stories?
 - What overarching themes are similar between the 2 origin stories?

Whole Class Discussion...

- Let's make a class chart!
 - Complete your graphic organizer as groups present

Based on the class graphic organizer...

- What are the parts then that all origin stories have?