

Ethics

Year 7 Knowledge Organisers

Term 1 How do Creation Narratives shape what it means to be human?

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Topics Covered

- How was the world made?
- Religious and Non-religious ideas about how the world was made. Including Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Sikhism and Humanism
- What do Humanists believe?
- Are Humans the most important Species?
- How should we look after the world?
- Are Humans and animals equal?
- Making Junk Monsters
- Recycling
- Food Banks
- Evaluation of these different ideas
- What is your opinion?
- Christmas

Challenge yourself. Practice questions.

1. What do you think is the most likely way the world was made?
2. Evaluate the Creation accounts of Christianity and Hinduism
3. Research the Islam account of creation and compare and contrast it with the account from Christianity
4. Make a list of reason why you think people continue to do things that will destroy the planet
5. What surprised you most on the food bank visit?
6. Write the Christmas story from the point of view of one of the following: Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Wise men, King Herod.

Useful links

How the world was made - science

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55oDyazPdTU>

Religious ideas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARyWE8e50yM>

Aborigine Creation story

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=koxp_q46z0Q

Christianity – Lego version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IV6glev278k>

How to look after the Environment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XDvAGDgZX0>



"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children"
Native American Proverb

We should look after the planet because it provides us with:

- oxygen
- water
- food

There are a number of ways in which our environment can be damaged.

- pollution
- Fossil Fuels
- Not disposing of waste in the correct way – eg throwing things in the sea., littering.
- Deforestation

How can help the environment?

1. Recycle:
2. Save water
3. Limit the use of plastics
4. Use less gas and electric
5. Drive less
6. Less use of planes

How many more ways can you think of?

Key words

How do Creation Narratives shape what it means to be human?

Adam and Eve: First Man and woman according to Christianity

Agnostic: Not to know whether God exists.

Atheist: Not to believe in the existence of God.

Big Bang theory: Scientific ideas on how the world was made e.g. the earth started with a small singularity bang

Brahma: Five-headed god of Hinduism.

Cosmos : The universe seen as a well-ordered whole

Creation: To bring something into existence

Dominion: To have power over something. God gave us power over the world, environment, animals and plants.

Evolution: The process by which living things can gradually change over time

Fiction: Something based on imagination rather than fact

Free will: Act on one's own decisions

Genetic Mutation: A Mutation occurs when a DNA gene is damaged or changed

Khalifah: Arabic word for stewardship

Manu: First Man according to Hinduism

Natural Selection: organisms have adaptations that make them better able to live in their environment

Saraswathi - Wife of Brahma, mother of Manu

Shiva: Hindu god of destruction.

Steward: To look after something. God told mankind to look after the world and everything in it.

Survival of the Fittest: describes the idea that there is, in nature, competition to survive and reproduce

Vishnu: Hindu god of protection.

Christianity Creation Account - Genesis 1 The Living Bible



When God began creating[a] the heavens and the earth, the earth was a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the Spirit of God moved over the dark vapours. Then God said, "Let there be light." And light appeared. And God was pleased with it and divided the light from the darkness. He called the light "daytime," and the darkness "night-time." Together they formed the first day.

And God said, "Let the vapours separate to form the sky above and the oceans below." So God made the sky, dividing the vapor above from the water below. This all happened on the second day.

Then God said, "Let the water beneath the sky be gathered into oceans so that the dry land will emerge." And so it was. Then God named the dry land "earth," and the water "seas." And God was pleased. And he said, "Let the earth burst forth with every sort of grass and seed-bearing plant, and fruit trees with seeds inside the fruit, so that these seeds will produce the kinds of plants and fruits they came from." And so it was, and God was pleased. This all occurred on the third day.

Then God said, "Let bright lights appear in the sky to give light to the earth and to identify the day and the night; they shall bring about the seasons on the earth and mark the days and years." And so it was. For God had made two huge lights, the sun and moon, to shine down upon the earth—the larger one, the sun, to preside over the day and the smaller one, the moon, to preside through the night; he had also made the stars. And God set them in the sky to light the earth, and to preside over the day and night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God was pleased. This all happened on the fourth day.

Then God said, "Let the waters teem with fish and other life, and let the skies be filled with birds of every kind." So God created great sea animals, and every sort of fish and every kind of bird. And God looked at them with pleasure and blessed them all. "Multiply and stock the oceans," he told them, and to the birds he said, "Let your numbers increase. Fill the earth!" That ended the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth every kind of animal—cattle and reptiles and wildlife of every kind." And so it was. God made all sorts of wild animals and cattle and reptiles. And God was pleased with what he had done.

Then God said, "Let us make a man—someone like ourselves, to be the master of all life upon the earth and in the skies and in the seas." So God made man like his Maker. Like God did God make man; Man and woman did he make them. And God blessed them and told them, "Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; you are masters of the fish and birds and all the animals. And look! I have given you the seed-bearing plants throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. And I've given all the grass and plants to the animals and birds for their food." Then God looked over all that he had made, and it was excellent in every way. This ended the sixth day. Now at last the heavens and earth were successfully completed, with all that they contained. So on the seventh day, having finished his task, God ceased from this work he had been doing, and God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he ceased this work of creation.

Hinduism Creation Story

There was darkness. It was not dead or cold, but rather warm and lively. It looked like a giant creature, gently breathing.

A gentle syllable endlessly repeated itself: Om... Om... Om...

The world was formed and the rippling universe was an endless ocean. Deep in the ocean bobbed a seed and it became a glowing golden egg.

OM was all around and, over time, the egg formed itself into Brahma, the First Father, Creator of the worlds. When Brahma was ready to be born, he hatched like a chick from the golden egg. With half of the shell he made the sky and from the other half he made the earth. The golden sky-shell twinkled in space, the earth bobbed on the sea until Brahma anchored it with rocks and mountain peaks.

Brahma drew from himself six elements (senses): thought, hearing, sight, touch, taste and smell and blended them together to make living things of every kind. He made animals, fish, birds and insects. The world throbbed with life. Brahma gave all living things gifts. He withheld Thought until the time when he created a creature worthy of it. Brahma divided himself and made another being, Sarasvati. Brahma fell passionately in love with her. However, she wouldn't look at him and he grew 5 heads. Eventually they got married. They spent the wedding night (of 100 years) and created Manu.

Manu was the first human being to be born. Brahma gave Manu the five senses, the powers of movement and reproduction. He also gave him the greatest gift of all, the power of intelligent thought. Ever since then, the world has belonged to humans, insects, birds and animals. The gods, angels and demons that were created watch over us and help or punish us as we deserve.

