

English

Year 3

Term 3 Week 1

Thursday 7th January 2021

- Session 3

Spellings

This week your spellings are:

accident

accidentally

actual

actually

address

What is our topic?

**What is the final
outcome?**

**What are the key features
of a myth?**



Key features of a Myth

Story structure: beginning, middle and end

Rich vocabulary: adjectives, verbs and adverbs

Clear message or explanation: links to creation or how things evolve

Links to traditional beliefs

Mythical creatures: animals, Gods

Often creates a problem or good V evil

Short: able to be retold orally

Sentence structure: variety of openers, sentence lengths and punctuation for effect

WALT: Map a story

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Glossary – The Mayan Creation

Story

- Form – creation of something
- Being – existence of something
- Thus – therefore
- Vast – huge
- Praise – to say well done
- Tepeu – the maker (god)
- Gucumatz – the feathered spirit (god)
- Creators – bring something to life
- Bleat – cry made by a sheep
- Chirp – high pitched sound by a bird
- Mewed – high-pitched crying noise
- Worship – show respect to a god
- Race – group of people
- Meaningless – no meaning
- Paste – thick mixture
- Vision – what we can see
- Mates – partners
- Ancestors – a person in your family who lived a long time ago
- Spirit – way of thinking, feeling/behaving



Before the world had a true form, there were two Gods. These Gods were Tepeu, the Maker and Gucumatz, the Feathered Spirit. While the world around them was dark, the two Gods glittered with brilliant blue and green feathers. They came together to create the world.



Whatever they thought came into being. When they thought "Earth", land formed in the darkness. They thought of mountains and valleys, pine trees and water and sky. All of these things appeared the instant they thought them, and thus the Earth was formed.



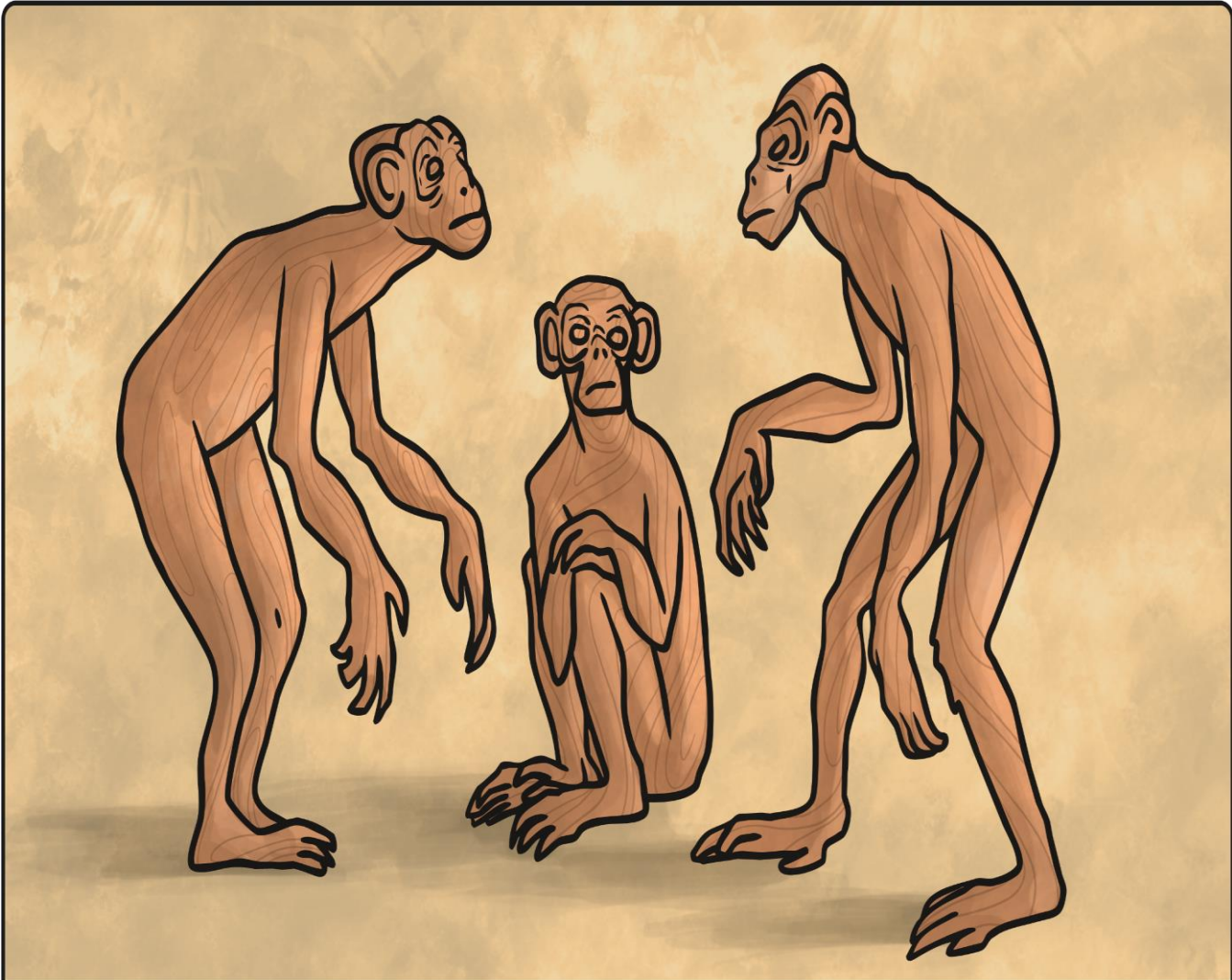
Tepeu and Gucumatz decided that they needed beings there to look after their vast creation, and to praise their names as the creators. So they created deer and birds and panthers and serpents, all the creatures that roam the Earth today. "Now praise us! Say our names!" commanded the creators.



But the animals could only roar or howl, bleat, bark, twitter or moan. They tried as hard as they could to speak, but they could not. They chirped and mewed at the top of their lungs until the noise was so deafening, that Tepu and Gucumatz ordered them to stop. Disappointed, the makers agreed that they would have to create better beings, ones who would be able to worship them properly.



The first race of men were made from wet clay. The creators gave them life, and the first men tried to speak; but instead they crumbled apart soon after they were made. The Maker and the Feathered Spirit were determined to create a hardier race of men.



The second race of men were carved from wood. These were much stronger, and were able to walk and talk and multiply. But these men had no minds and their hearts were empty. They had no memories of their creation and when they spoke their words were just as empty and meaningless. They could not praise their Gods.



Tepou and Gucumatz sent a great flood down to destroy them. They commanded the animals to attack the survivors and tear them to pieces. The few who managed to escape fled to the woods and became monkeys. The creators left them there as an example to the next race of men.



The Maker and the Feathered Spirit thought for a long time about how they should make the race of men they wanted. There seemed to be no perfect material to build them. Finally some animals brought the Gods a stack of white corn which grew on the far side of the Earth. Tepeu and Gucumatz ground this into a paste and from this formed four individual men.



The new beings seemed perfect. They were sturdy enough to last and their minds were rich with thoughts and feelings. Their first act after their own creation was to immediately worship Tepeu and Gucumatz, and thank them for their lives. Tepeu and Gucumatz were pleased. "What do you see?" they asked the corn men.



"We can see forever, through rocks and trees and mountains to the edges of the Earth. We can see your entire creation, with all of its animals and plants. We can see and understand everything!"

Tepew and Gucumatz looked at each other, "Perhaps we made these beings too well... they should not see as well as WE do!" The makers removed some of the men's vision. After that they could only see things close to them, and they were no longer able to see through or above things that they should not. Thus their understanding of the world was weakened.



But the men still sang their creators' praises and settled down to live on the new land. Tepeu and Gucumatz made four women to be their mates.

These eight men and women were the ancestors of all Quiche men and women today. Even today their sight and understanding of the world is not perfect.

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Story Planning Mountain

Climax / Conflict:

Build up:

Resolution:

Opening:

Ending:

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