



Monday 18th January 2021

English

Spellings

- bicycle
- breath
- breathe
- build
- business

Let's recap...



What is your new
English topic?

Let's recap...



What is the purpose of a myth?

What are the key features of a myth?

Let's recap...



What have we been learning this term?

What has gone well with your learning?



WALT: Write an ending

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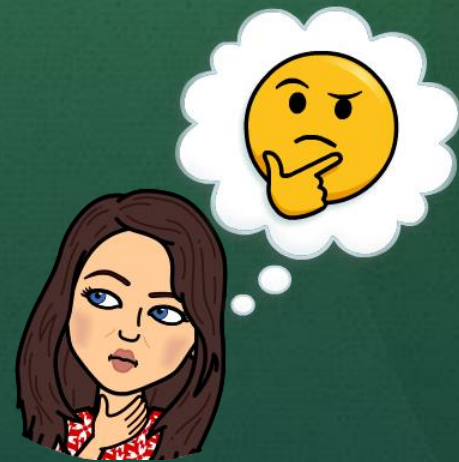
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Let's remind ourselves of what happened at the end of the Mayan Creation story.

What was the resolution?

How did the story end?





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.



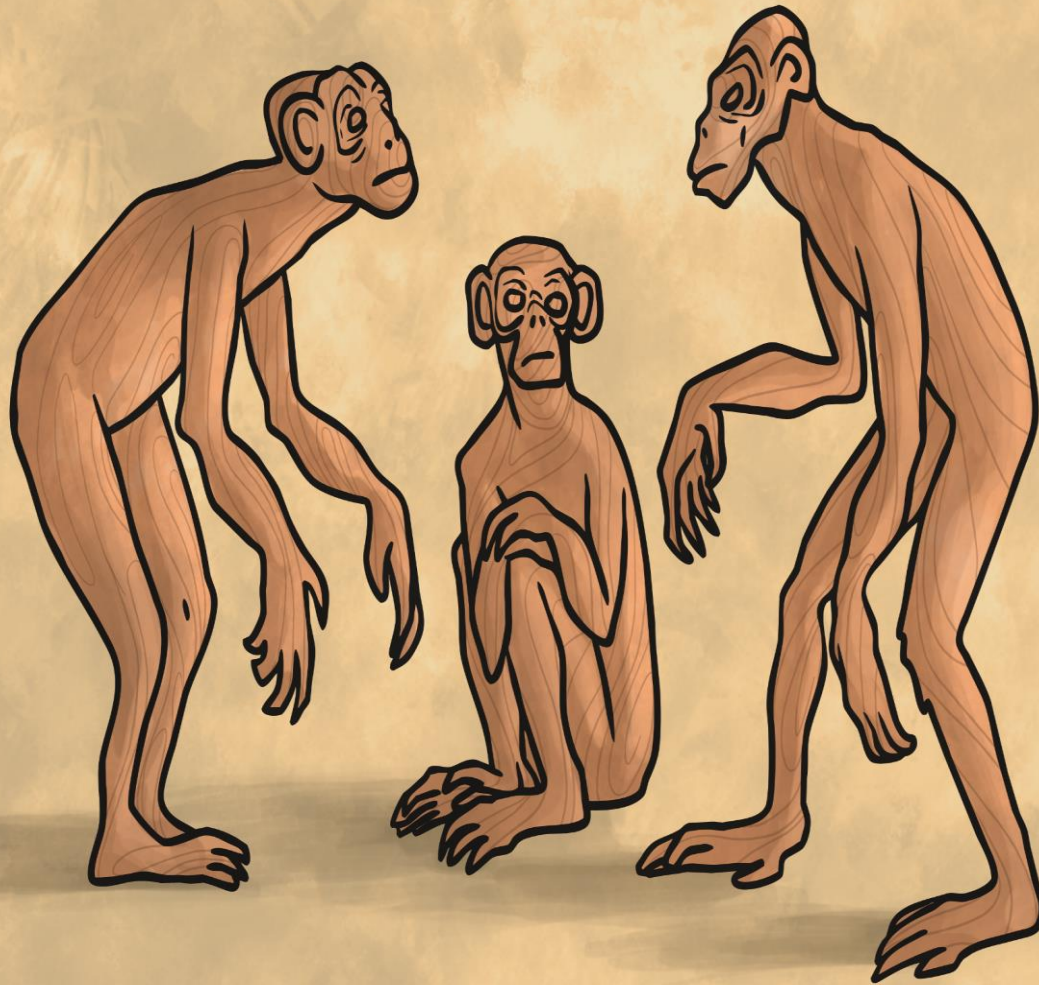
Tepou and Gucumatz decided that they needed beings there to look after their vast creation, and to praise their names as the creators. So they created deer and birds and panthers and serpents, all the creatures that roam the Earth today. "Now praise us! Say our names!" commanded the creators.



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 Tepeu 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!"

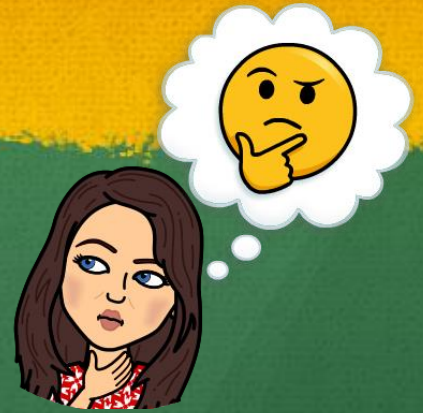
Tepeu and Gucumatz looked at each other, "Perhaps we made these beings too well... they should not see as well as WE do!" The makers removed some of the men's vision. After that they could only see things close to them, and they were no longer able to see through or above things that they should not.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

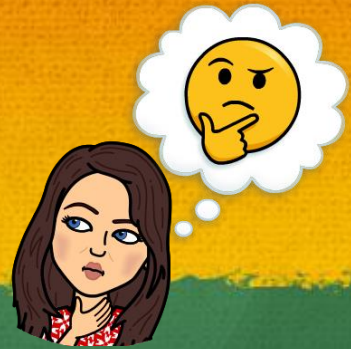
These eight men and women were the ancestors of all Quiche men and women today. Even today their sight and understanding of the world is not perfect.

Let's create a new resolution and ending!



Can you think of an alternative resolution and ending for the Mayan Creation Story?

Your Turn!



On a post it note, draw your alternative resolution.

On your second post it note, your ending.

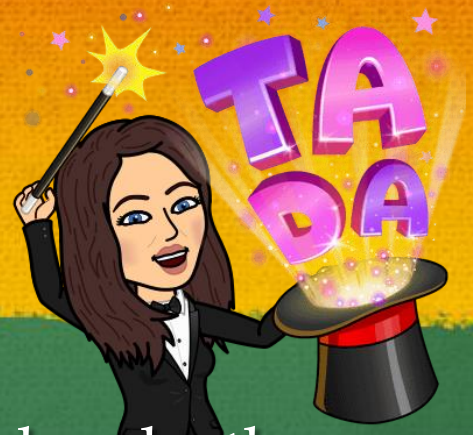
If you still have the story mountain that you created last week you could add it to this.

First draft

The Gods asked the animals to bring them the most precious item on the land. The animals brought corn. The Gods made corn paste and created four men. They created four women. That is how the world was created.

Is this a good first draft? How could it be improved?

2nd draft



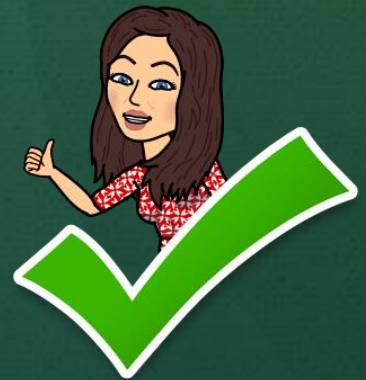
After a long day of deciding how they could make the perfect race of men, Tepeu asked the animals to fetch him the most precious item from the land. Eventually the animals brought the two Gods a bunch of beautiful flowers, the most precious item grown. Together, they created a special paste and used this paste to make four perfect men, however they were too perfect. The clever Gods decided to remove some of their vision. Finally the men were impeccable, they made four seamless women to join them. From that day on, Tepeu and Gucumatz have been known as the greatest builders for making our precious Earth.

Improve the Mayan Creation Story by writing your new resolution and ending to complete your innovated Mayan Creation Story . Remember to include exciting vocabulary.

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Peer-assessment

Let's share some learning on the visualiser – can we identify what has gone well?



What have we learnt?

- What have you learnt today?
- Have you been successful?
- How do you know?



