

Name _____ Section _____ Date _____

LT: I can compare and contrast multiple origin stories

Origin Stories: Deeper Analysis

Which origin story are you analyzing? _____

All members are expected to contribute to discussion, but what is each group member in charge of?

Facilitator: Leads discussion, makes sure everyone shares their opinions: _____

Recorder: Divides up the writing in Activity 1, makes sure every one has answers for Activity 2: _____

Presenter: Presents findings from Activity 2 to the rest of the class. _____

Timekeeper: Keeps an eye on the clock to make sure the work is done on time. _____

Summarizer: Listens to everyone’s discussion points, and restates key points _____

Activity 1– Completing your origin story’s column (on big chart in the back)

1. Take out your origin stories chart. Compare your information with everyone else’s in your group.
 2. On the blank paper given to you, write the information from your origin story. Tape it up on the large chart in the back of the room. (Tip: Write big!)
 3. Was there anything you were confused about? Write it here: _____
-

Activity 2– Analyzing your origin story

1. People in your culture wondered about the world around them, and these stories were the explanations they came up with. Using the story, what kinds of information do we learn about the culture? (For example, if I read an origin story that mentioned water a lot, I might think that this culture was near the water.) If you aren’t sure where to start, think about:
 - Who were the important figures referenced in the story?
 - What does their environment seem like?

2. What kinds of big questions does your culture try to explain with this origin story?

3. What did you think was most surprising/interesting about this story?

Activity 3– Comparing and Contrasting to other origin stories.

1. Which origin story do you think sounds the most similar to yours? Explain, and include details.

2. Which origin story do you think sounds the most different from yours? Explain, and include details.

3. Why do humans write origin stories? (3-5 sentences)

Use this space for any notes during discussion. (won't be graded)