

Messages in Myths

Creation Myth

Explains how the world was created or how people came to exist

Myths that Explain The Nature of the World

Explains natural events in beautiful and powerful ways or explains how certain animals came to have certain characteristics

Myths that Explain Folkways

Explains how a particular people came to live in a particular place or how human beings got the different foods they eat

Myths that Teach Lessons

Teaches lessons particularly around values that are important within the culture that they are from

Myths About Heroes

Teaches values, typically through adventures or deeds that a heroic character experiences