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### Elements of a Creation Myth:

Rate the following items on the elements compiled by your peers. First, do you agree that this element is fundamental to a successful creation story? If not, rate it as a zero. If so, rate it on a scale of 1-5 from least to most important.

At the bottom of the sheet, analyze two of the “beginnings” myths to develop a list of narrative elements that appear in *those* stories.

- \_\_\_ One supreme creator
- \_\_\_ How the natural world / earth was created
- \_\_\_ How mankind was created – including what from which material/s mankind was made
- \_\_\_ What happened before the world and mankind were created
- \_\_\_ What happened before the god/s existed
- \_\_\_ A turning point for how mankind came to be in the state we are now
- \_\_\_ Explanation of evil or a dark side
- \_\_\_ Animals
- \_\_\_ Elements specific to the culture or region of origin
- \_\_\_ The conflict / reason that causes the god/goddess to create the world in the first place
- \_\_\_ The conflict that arises after creation
- \_\_\_ An important symbol, object, or theme
- \_\_\_ A punishment for mankind
- \_\_\_ A formula: god/s; creation of world; creation of man; introduction of evil force; fate of man

Beginnings stories:

Story #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Story #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Elements:

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