

What is a myth?

A traditional story about how something was created or came to be like it is.

Different groups of people through history have told mythical stories.

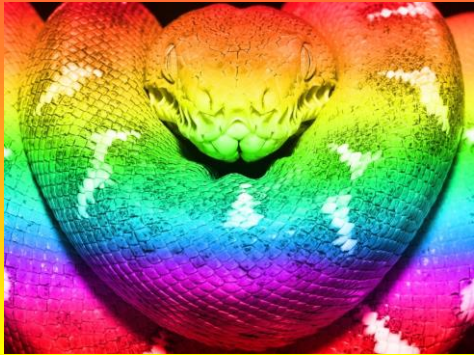


They share the stories by word of mouth and pass them through generations.

More recently, they have been written down to share across the world.



Aboriginal Australians tell Dreamtime stories such as 'The Rainbow Snake'.

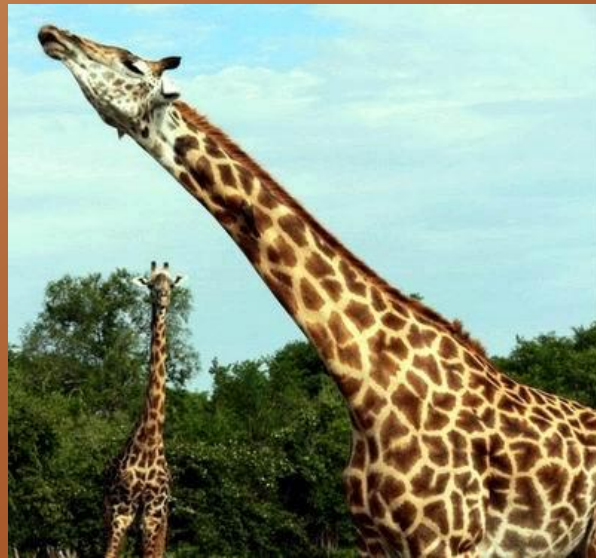


This story tells of the creation of the land, water and the rainbow.



Across Africa, different tribes tell stories about how the native animals came to be.

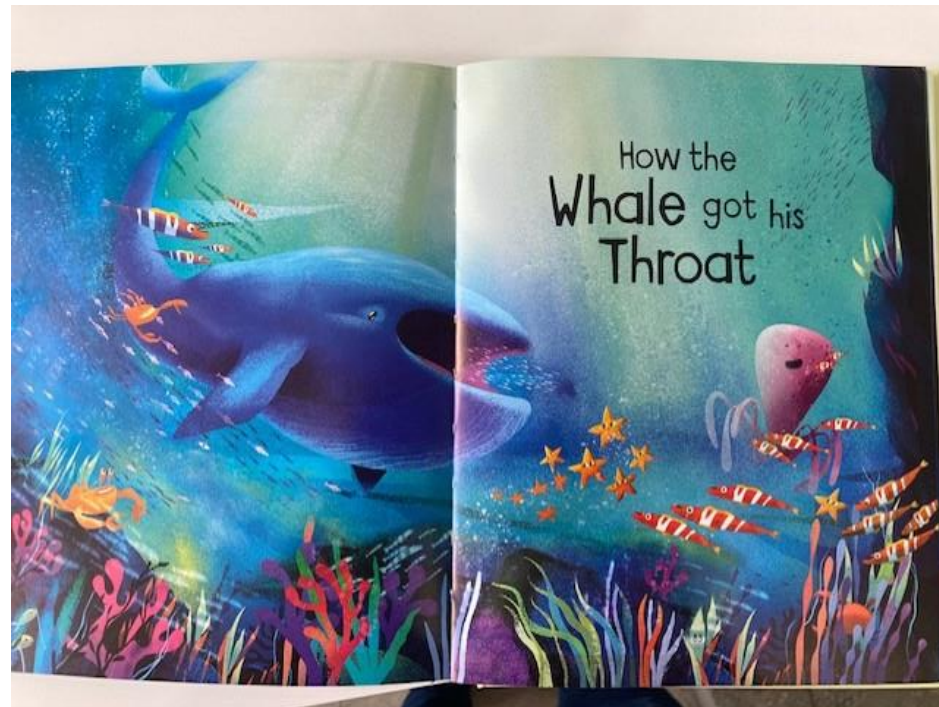
*These include
‘How the
Zebra got its
stripes’ and
‘Why the
giraffe has a
long neck’.*



Tinga Tinga Tales are myths based on these African tribal stories

- *Watch this Tinga Tinga Tale which is a myth that explains why lion has a roar.*
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30oXXDyV5js>
 - *Why do you think these stories have been told and passed on?*
 - *Do you think the stories are always the same?*

Have a listen to your teacher reading
How the Whale Got its Throat.
This is a version of a Just So story
written by Rudyard Kipling.



Activity-What can you remember from the story?

- Have a go at answering the questions, don't worry if you can't remember all the answers.

How the Whale got his Throat

1.Name the things that the whale eats when the story begins.

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2.What was the man floating on?

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3. What adjectives are used to describe the whale's mouth?

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4.What does the man do when he gets inside the whale?

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5.What does the man do to protect other people from being swallowed by whales?

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6.Why might the whale be angry with the clever little fish?

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7.Is the ending of the story happy or sad and why?

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©Do you know any other myths? Which is your favourite one and why do you like it ?

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