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What is a Myth?

1. Myths are stories created to give _____ to persons, places, and things.
2. Myths are tales from traditions of certain peoples and cultures, such as the _____, the _____, and the _____.
3. They are especially connected with _____ beliefs and rites.
4. These rites were thought to invoke a type of _____, designed to help _____ grow.
5. Myths explain how people acquired basic things like _____, _____, _____, and _____.
6. The sun seems to move. The Greeks explained this by seeing it as a golden chariot drawn by fiery _____.
7. Myths were used to teach humans proper _____.
8. The gods considered _____, or excessive pride, to be the worst offense, deserving the worst punishment.
9. People of modern times have created myths about such American heroes as _____, _____, and _____.
10. American myths also include the stories of _____ and _____.