

Native American Folk Tales

Comparison of New World Stories with Old World Europe

Utilizing a basic comparison/contrast critical approach, reply to the following questions with an analytical outlook, citing evidence from the supplied texts and the assigned reading.

1. From all three stories: Genesis chapters from King James version of Bible, Creation of the Earth according to the Alabama-Coushatta tribes, and the Pima Creation story, explain how the universe is described in the opening passages. Detail how all three are similar and dissimilar.
2. Compare the Western God concept with the Pima Juh-wert-a-Mah-kai. (See *Norton* footnote 2, p. 21.) Detail similar and dissimilar qualities about their characterizations and actions.
3. Compare the introductory sentences for all three stories. What is the common technique used? Considering the lecture for today, why is this strategy important for establishing a time-line? In other words, what does it supply the audience?
4. At what point do human characters first enter the equation within the stories from Genesis and the Pima Creation? How do the stories explain the order of creation? Propose why this is relevant to the purpose of the story.

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