

# Communication and Cultural Awareness

## Science

What do stories say about cultures?

### Culture

Abstract values, beliefs, and world view that are reflected in people's behavior. Culture is learned.

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Value: Interculturality

### Respecting identities

We respect others' identities and their cultural background in our country and abroad.

### Vocabulary

**perceive.** to notice or become aware of something

**customs.** an action or way of behaving that is usual and traditional among the people in a particular group or place

**shape.** to influence the development of something, to help something become what it is

**behavior.** the way a person or animal acts

**battle.** a fight between people or groups in which each side tries to gain control of something

**flood.** a large amount of water covering an area of land that is usually dry

## Myths, Legends and Culture

All cultures have myths, stories, legends, and folklore. They show what groups of people think about the world and how it is **perceived**. Oral arts and traditions are a way to preserve and transmit **customs** and values as well as to **shape behavior**.

A really interesting discovery about myths in cultures is that there are **universal myths across different cultures from all around the world**. These similarities are related to images, structures, events, and characters that answered the most common questions humans have, such as the origin of the universe and the meaning of life.

There are many similar myths and legends across cultures, for example epic cosmic **battles**, and the Great **Flood** which is part of the Christian and Jewish tradition, as well as Sumerian, Greek, Hindu, Mayan, and Native American legends. There is a general belief in all cultures that there is a great supreme being that created everything.



Man reading about creation

Answer **True (T)** or **False (F)**. If it is false write the correct statement.

1. Culture is not reflected in people's behavior.
2. Folklore, myths, stories, and legends are part of a culture.
3. The way people perceive the world is related to culture.
4. Customs can be transmitted through written stories.
5. People's behavior is shaped by their culture.