

Unit 2: Origin Stories and Ways of Knowing

Inquiry Journal

Name:	_ Date:	_Class:
Directions: Read each of the supporting q KNOW about the topic. For each "W," write		

	Topic 1: Stories, Knowledge, and Power Supporting Questions
	What can origin stories tell us about how different cultures understand their place in the world?
LESSON 1	K:
	w:
	What can be learned by comparing dominant and non-dominant narratives about the origins of the universe?
LESSON 2	K:
	W:
	In what ways do stereotypes and single stories limit the understanding of the people and events of the past?
LESSON 3	K:
	W:
	How do we know what we know—and why does that matter across cultures and communities?
LESSON 4	K:
	w:



Topic 1: Stories, Knowledge, and Power Compelling Question

How do the stories we tell shape what we know about the world and each other?

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Directions: Read each of the supporting questions. For each "K," write what you already **KNOW** about the topic. For each "W," write what you **WONDER** about the topic.

c 2: Trauma, Healing, and Historical Continuity Supporting Questions
How does historical trauma, such as colonization, land theft, or forced removal cause harm to communities—and what are the long-term effects? K:
W:
What traditional practices have Indigenous communities used to preserve language, culture, and healing—and why are they essential for survival and identity?
K:
W:



Topic 2: Trauma, Healing, and Historical Continuity Compelling Question:

How do Indigenous communities confront the lasting harms of historical trauma through cultural practices that protect identity, restore well-being, and ensure survival?

 	 EER) paragraph	



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Essential Question

How have origin stories and cultural ways of knowing shaped what communities believe, how they live, and how they understand their place in history?

Directions: Read the essential question. Explain what you LEARNED throughout the unit with a Claim, Evidence, and Reasoning (CER) paragraph.		





Paragraph Template Claim, Evidence, Reasoning

CLAIM (Your argument)	
EVIDENCE #1 (Facts, examples, sources)	
REASONING #1 (Explanation of how the evidence supports the claim)	
EVIDENCE #2 (Facts, examples, sources)	
REASONING #2 (Explanation of how the evidence supports the claim)	

