W r i t i n g y o u r o w n O r i g i n a l M y t h

Now that we’ve studied the Greek myths and First Nations myths, it’s time to write your own myth. First, a brief review to remind you of important elements of a myth:

• The oldest stories we know are called myths.

• Myths have at least two purposes:

1) to explain the unexplainable (how light came to be)

2) to try to understand deep philosophical issues (such as why there is evil in the world or why people fall in love).

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Your job now is to dream up and write your own myth. Start by thinking of a trait that most, if not all humans share. (See list.) This trait should be communicated through your myth which should reflect human **nature**.

***Love, Hate, Education, Power, Hope, Motherhood, War, Friendship, jealousy, Arrogance, Music, Nature or any other trait you can think of.***

Your characters should be of your own creation. And, your myth should have the tone of the myths we’ve studied.

Before you start writing you need to make some decisions about the following categories. You might decide you want to create a web or make some other graphic organizer of your own to organize your thoughts, but you are not required to do so. However, you do need to answer the following questions before you begin writing.

What is the purpose of your myth? (Check all that apply.)

1. To explain the unexplainable
2. To understand deep human behavioural traits(the trait is \_\_ \_ \_\_ \_\_\_)

Who will your characters be? (Seriously think about limiting the number of characters you have. Too many characters = not enough development of each character and much confusion for the reader.)

As a reminder, List some of the characters from the myths we’ve studied:

Briefly describe the characters of your own creation:

What is the setting of your myth? Setting includes time and place.

What conflict will occur in your myth?

What are the major happenings in your plot?

What will be the resolution to the conflict? (How will the conflict end?)

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Brief description of each character: (You don’t need to have five characters. I’m

not sure how many characters you will have!)

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Other notes: