

Sharing Starry Stories

Your Task

Read the stories about stars from the two ancient cultures. Then answer the questions that follow.

Suns, Moons and Stars (an indigenous Australian legend)

Over the horizon where no one has ever travelled, there are green grassy pastures and flowing creeks. This is the land of round shining Moons who have no arms and no legs. They move around by rolling over and over. Sometimes, one Moon at a time becomes restless and explores across the sky. The wandering Moons get captured by a giant who slices them into pieces night after night. Then he tosses the fragments up into the sky to make the Stars. These stars are afraid and hide during the day when the Sun shines brightly.

The Seven Sisters (an ancient Greek legend)

Long ago, there were seven beautiful sisters. When Orion the hunter saw the sisters, he fell in love with all of them and wanted to marry them all. They were so afraid that they ran away and pleaded with Zeus, the leader of the gods, to protect them. Zeus transformed the sisters into doves who flew up to the heavens to make the constellation we know as the Seven Sisters.

Questions

1. List the similarities between the two stories. _____

2. What are some differences between the stories? _____
