



# Myth

LESSON PLANS



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# Myth Lesson 4: Nature Myths- Flood

## Aim

To recognize the similar patterns in myths from different cultures.

## The Pattern of Flood Myths

Flood myths usually follow this pattern:

- **Cause:** The flood is humankind's punishment.
- **Size:** The flood covers the whole land or world.
- **Survivors:** A few people survive because they are good.
- **Signs:** There's a sign of hope, e.g., a rainbow, to show that life will go on.

Read three flood myths and see if they fit the pattern above. Fill in this chart for each story:

Flood Myths	Comments
Title	
Cause	
Size	
Survivors	
Signs	

## Ark Myths

Flood myths often involve a rescue vessel or ark. Read this myth from the Aztec culture:

### The Aztec Ark

"When the people on Earth became wicked, the god of the rain, Tlaloc, became angry and made it rain heavily. But Tlaloc saw that there were two good people, named Tata and Nena. So he warned Tata and Nena that a great flood was on the way. He told them to make an ark by hollowing out a huge tree trunk. The rain got heavier and Tata and Nena worked quickly to make a hollow log. Just as the flood hit, they climbed inside and were swept away. Eventually the rain stopped and the land appeared again. The Aztec ark had saved Tata and Nena."

### Art

Create a picture of an Ark and decorate it with symbols and designs from a culture.

## Disaster

Imagine you are a reporter (TV, internet, radio or newspaper) at the time of the flood. Write a script about what you see happening and interview some survivors. Ask them questions about the flood.

Remember the important questions about flood myths: what is the cause, the size, who survived and what signs were given?

### Write

Invent a flood myth for the area you live in, following the pattern of the flood myth.

