

## Writing Activity: The Meaning of “Mythology”

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After reading this book, you should have a better idea of what a myth is. Pretend you are trying to communicate the meaning of the word “mythology” with a foreign student just learning English. Without looking at any resources, write a clear definition for this term. Share your results with your class.

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A good explanation will identify

- general traits of myths
- specific examples that demonstrate general traits

For instance, one general trait of myths is that they often explain events in nature. A specific example that demonstrates this is the myth of Arachne. Use the graphic organizer on the following screen to help you organize your ideas.

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General Trait	Specific Example
Explains nature	Arachne

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