



The Truth About Stories by Thomas King

Chapter 1: “‘You’ll Never Believe What Happened’ Is Always a Great Way to Start’

Prereading Focus:

- Let’s think and retell the key elements of the Judeo-Christian creation story. Read the excerpt from Tomson Highway’s “Kiss of the Fur Queen”
- Let’s think of and retell a First Peoples creation story. You can look at the one on the ppt, or google and find one of your own.
- What are some similarities and differences?

For an excellent take on the role of stories in culture, listen to the following Thomas King story, The Truth About Stories (start at 3:00)

** *For the written version, go here: “The Truth About Stories”*

During Reading Focus:

1. What does King mean when he writes, “The truth about stories is that that’s all we are?” What AWOKB can you connect to that? Explain. (p.2)
2. “Contained within creation stories are relationships that help to define the nature of the universe and how cultures understand the world in which they exist.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
3. How would you answer King’s question, “Do the stories we tell reflect the world as it truly is?”
4. After hearing this story, how would you define what a story is?
5. Thomas King recounts his personal narrative of his mother working her way through the aerospace industry where she fought against gender discrimination and racism. Think about your family’s story, is there a comparable story?
6. How does Thomas King compare Indigenous oral traditions & creation stories to the creation story told in the bible? Use point form evidence from the story to fill out the T chart below.

The Woman Who Fell From the Sky	Adam and Eve

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