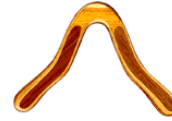


Myth of the Boomerang



Directions:

1. You are to create an original myth describing the origin of the boomerang or some other item or animal in Australia using the traditional style of aboriginal myths.
2. Your myth must be set in Australia during Dreamtime or during the period when only Aborigines inhabited the continent.
3. Your story must have the correct characteristics of myths. Check your notebook for the description.
4. Your myth must include the following:
 - At least one animal native to Australia
 - At least one plant native to Australia
 - At least one place in Australia (be sure it is a time appropriate place)
5. Your myth must be submitted in final form using correct and appropriate grammar and conventions.

GRADE

	Little Evidence of Achievement	Beginning	Developing	Proficient	Advanced	Distinguished
Myth Describes Origin of the Boomerang/ other item	Myth does not describe the origins of the boomerang/item.	Myth attempts to describe the origin of the boomerang/item but ideas are very underdeveloped	Myth attempts to describe the origin of the boomerang/item but has some inconsistencies.	Myth describes the origin of the boomerang/item.	Myth describes the origin of the boomerang/item in a creative and interesting way, ideas well developed.	Myth describes the origin of the boomerang/item in a uniquely creative and interesting way.
Setting	No setting is evident or explained.	Setting is not appropriate to Dreamtime / Aborigines	Setting is appropriate to and uses 1 facts associated with Dreamtime / Aborigines but may include some errors	Setting is appropriate to and uses 2-3 facts associated with Dreamtime / Aborigines	Setting is appropriate to and uses 3-4 facts associated with Dreamtime / Aborigines	Setting is appropriate to and uses 5 or more facts associated with Dreamtime / Aborigines
Characteristics of a Myth	Characteristics of myths are not used or used incorrectly.	Some characteristics of myths are used or used incorrectly.	Characteristics of myths are included and are mostly correct.	Characteristics of myths are used correctly.	Characteristics of myths are used correctly.	Characteristics of myths are used correctly.
Inclusion of one animal native to Australia	Did not include an animal native to Australia in the story	Included 1 animal in the story but only mentioned the animal and did not incorporate it into the story.	Included 1 animal native to Australia but did not use the animal's characteristics in the story.	Included 1 animal native to Australia and used the animal's characteristics in the story.	Included more than 1 animal native to Australia and used the animals' characteristics in the story.	Included more than 1 animal native to Australia and included exceptional information about the animals.
Inclusion of one plant native to Australia	Did not include a plant native to Australia in the story	Included 1 plant in the story but only mentioned the plant and did not incorporate it into the story.	Included 1 plant native to Australia but did not use the plant's characteristics in the story.	Included 1 plant native to Australia and used the plant's characteristics in the story.	Included more than 1 plant native to Australia and used the plant's characteristics in the story.	Included more than 1 plant native to Australia and included exceptional information about the plants.
Inclusion of one place in Australia	Did not include a place in Australia.	Included 1 place in the story but only mentioned the place and did not incorporate it into the story.	Included 1 place in Australia but did not use the place's characteristics in the story.	Included 1 place in Australia and used the place's characteristics in the story.	Included more than 1 place in Australia and used the place's characteristics in the story.	Included more than 1 place in Australia and included exceptional information about the places.
Writing: Grammar and Conventions	Excessive errors in grammar, usage, and spelling.	Many errors in grammar, usage, and spelling.	Some errors in grammar, usage, and spelling.	Few noticeable errors in grammar, usage, and spelling.	No errors in grammar, usage, or spelling.	No errors in grammar, usage, or spelling. Used high level vocabulary, and/or sentence structure.

Myth of the Boomerang – Graphic Organizer

Setting: Time, Place

Characters

Australian Animal(s) & Characteristics

Other Information on Australia to Include

Australian Plants(s) & Characteristics

Origin of the _____

Plot