

1. Why does Maheo need the animals' help in order to complete the creation? (*paragraph 14*)
 - a. because he could only make four things by himself
 - b. because the evil spirit took away his powers
2. Why is it significant that such a humble creature as the coot plays such a large role in the creation of the world? (*start on paragraph 21*)
 - a. because he had super powers
 - b. because it shows that every animal is important
3. What is Grandmother Turtle's role in the creation? (*start on paragraph 33*)
 - a. she tells all the other animals what to do
 - b. she carries the earth on her back
4. Why does Maheo decide to create a human being? Describe how the first people were created. (*start on paragraph 39*)
 - a. because he said the Earth Woman should not be alone
 - b. because he was angry at the animals

The first people were created when Maheo pulled out a rib bone from his right side and then he...
5. What is the last thing Maheo creates? (*paragraph 44*)
 - a. buffalo
 - b. antelopes
6. An origin myth explains the beginnings of things. What beginnings, or origins, does this myth explain? This myth tells about...
7. How would you characterize Maheo? What is his attitude toward his creations, including the earth and its inhabitants? Give three specific examples from the myth to support your views.
Maheo cares about the animals and people.
 1. He gave the birds land because they were tired.
 2. He didn't want the Earth to be lonely, so he created...
 3. (*paragraph 43*) He...
8. In this myth, all of the animals work together to help Maheo create the world. What does this suggest about the Cheyennes' view of nature?
 - a. it suggests that they believe everyone, man and animal, are equal and valuable
 - b. it suggests that they believe the animals are slaves to man
9. How is the earth compared to a woman in this myth? Find the descriptive language that characterizes the earth as feminine. The earth is called "Earth Woman" and in paragraph 37 Maheo says...

In paragraph 38 he says that she is...
10. When European settlers first began colonizing North America, they found many places and things that they had no English names for. Native American languages supplied these names, and many American English words are direct "loans" from Native American languages. Use a dictionary to find the words' contemporary meanings and the Native American language from which each word was borrowed.

Contemporary Meaning:

Tribe:

Raccoon		
Wigwam		
Hogan		
Coyote		
Toboggan		
Moose		
Pecan		
Hominy		
Chipmunk		
Bayou		

