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- Why is corn so important??

Theme: the creation of life

How do they try to explain the natural world?

"The Navajo Origin Legend"

Every 12 days the gods dust themselves in corn meal...

Corn is important because it's a food source & men & women were created from it.

They believed wind gave life - when you breathe that's the wind inside of you

They believe fingerprints are the trails of the wind inside of you.

Gods made men & women from white & yellow corn... then made a home for them and said "live as man & wife".

Archetypes

setting - Desert... not life, until the gods created it and man.

Theme of the creation of life and mankind.

God archetype

Symbol - Corn - life → white men
 ↓ yellow women

→ Corn takes 12 days to sprout... 12 days till new life.

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Native American Creation Myths

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"When Grizzlies Walked Upright"

→ Damsel in Distress

Chief in the sky was cold so he made a mountain w/ a fire.

Themes of Creation = explanation

- then created life, including bears / grizzlies ^{had fire in it...}

The wind blew into the top of the mountain ... it was cold, so he told his daughter to tell the wind spirit to stop ...

- How does this tribe's environment

But his daughter w/ red hair gets blown away.

show up in the story?

✓ The grizzlies found her... she married the grizzly son : they had children

Where are they from?

- The Great Spirit came & cursed the bears to not speak and walk on all fours.

each time the N.A. pass by the grave of an ^{Indian} grizzly, they place a rock on it.
 Native Americans ... that's why they won't kill bears, because they're ancestors

Archetypes

- Chief Spirit = God / Creator
- Daughter = Damsel in Distress
- Grizzly = Hero
- Wind Spirit = Villain

Themes - Creation of Life/Man, Explain the Natural world.