



Creation Myths Across South African Cultures: A Comparative Study

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Abstract

Creation myths play a significant role in South African cultures, reflecting diverse beliefs about the origins of humanity and the world. The study will employ qualitative research methods to analyse texts from different indigenous languages and cultures. Interviews with cultural experts will supplement textual analysis. A thematic analysis revealed that all examined myths emphasised the importance of water or earth in creation, indicating a significant proportion of these themes across different cultures. South African creation myths share commonalities but also exhibit distinctive features, offering insights into cultural identity and worldview. Further research should explore how contemporary South Africans incorporate traditional creation stories into modern contexts. Creation Myths, South Africa, Cultural Studies, Indigenous Knowledge

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