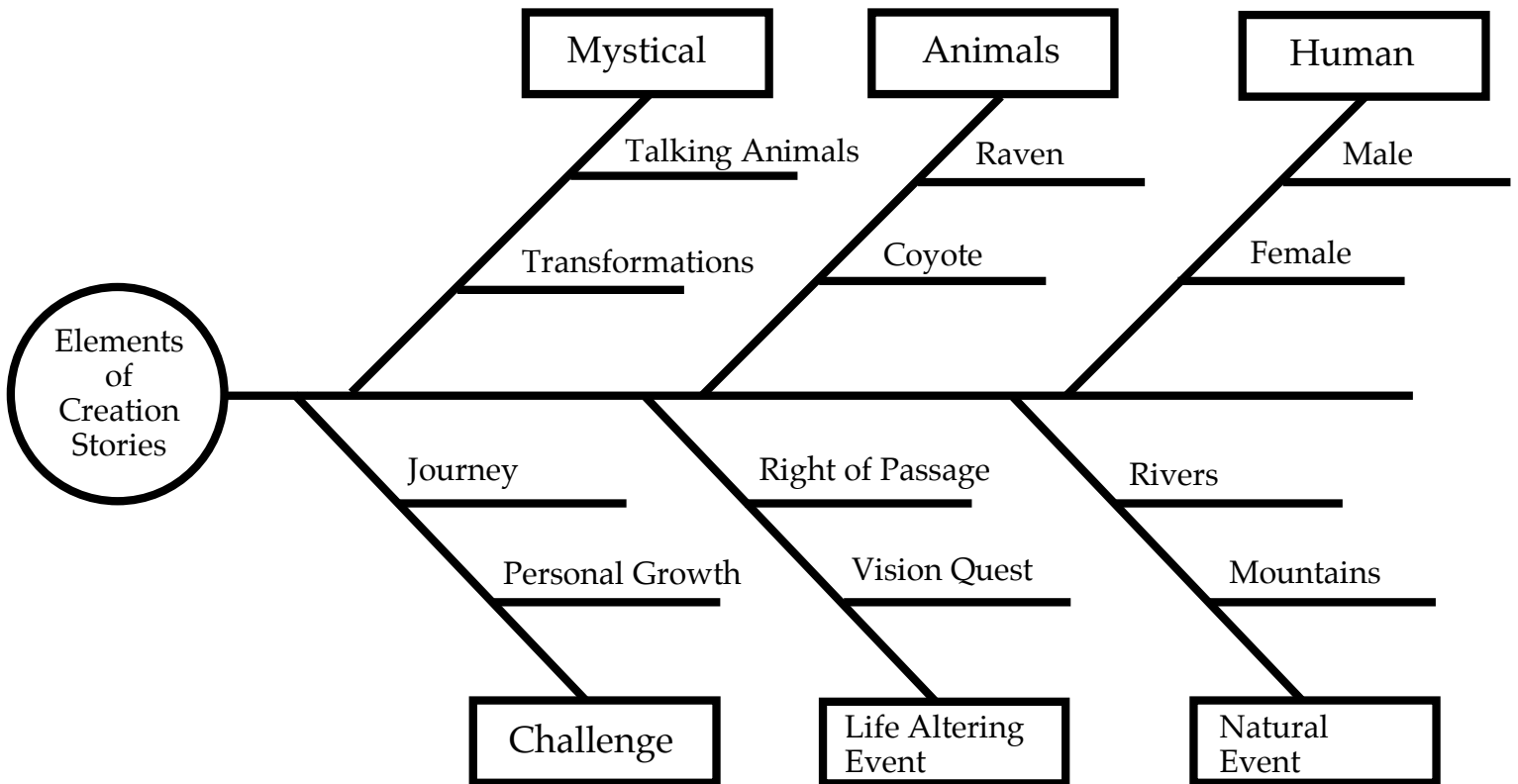


Fish Bone Organizer

Note: This sample of Fish Bone is for Teacher reference only and is only a framework for understanding. Students should create their own headings and supporting evidence.

Fish Bone is used to organize information. It is often used in problem solving or to identify and organize factors. The diagram below illustrates the structure of the Fishbone Organizer. Notice how the head of the Fish Bone provides the idea that acts as the focus for the thinking. In a way, Fish Bone is a more sophisticated form of Brainstorming. The students do more than simply identify or recall ideas; they also organize them according to some type of classification of the main ideas and the sub ideas (this is the analysis and evaluation level of Bloom's Taxonomy).

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Materials:

Piece of chart paper

Pen or pencil for each student

(Note: Fish Bone also works with regular 8-1/2 x 11 paper; however, the chart paper is more enjoyable as it provides students with a bit more room and it's easier to read what others have written.)

Creation Story Fish Bone

Each student (or student group) starts their Fish Bone organizer by identifying their focus for thinking. In this case, it is 'Elements of Creation Stories'. Then, using a brainstorm activity such as Place Mat, students identify key ideas that act as headings for their analysis of creation story elements. Once those headings have been determined, students then add evidence underneath to support their choice of heading. (See diagram for examples of headings and evidence)