

Folklore and Legends of Oceania

Folklore & Legends · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. In Australian Aboriginal Dreamtime stories, what is the name of the giant creator snake that formed the rivers and mountains?

- A) Rainbow Serpent**
- B) Bunyip
- C) Tiddalik
- D) Wedge-tailed Eagle

2. The Bunyip is a legendary creature from Australian folklore that is said to live in which type of location?

- A) Deep ocean caves
- B) Swamps and billabongs**
- C) High mountain peaks
- D) Volcano craters

3. In Maori mythology, who is the legendary hero who is said to have fished up the North Island of New Zealand?

- A) Tane
- B) Maui**
- C) Kupe
- D) Tu

4. Which Australian animal is the star of many Dreamtime stories, often depicted as a clever trickster?

- A) Kangaroo
- B) Koala
- C) Echidna
- D) Crow**

5. In Hawaiian folklore, what is the name of the goddess of fire, lightning, and volcanoes?

- A) Pele**
- B) Hina
- C) Nani
- D) Moana

6. What is the name of the large, flightless bird that is a prominent figure in many Aboriginal legends?

- A) Emu**
- B) Cassowary
- C) Kookaburra
- D) Cockatoo

7. In many Pacific Island legends, what is the name of the mysterious, large sea creature often described as a guardian of the ocean?

- A) The Kraken
- B) Taniwha**
- C) Dragon
- D) Phoenix

8. Which celestial body is often depicted as a central character in Aboriginal Dreamtime stories about the creation of the night sky?

- A) The Moon
- B) The Sun
- C) The Southern Cross**
- D) The North Star

9. According to a famous Aboriginal legend, why does the frog Tiddalik drink all the water in the world?

- A) He is hungry
- B) He is thirsty**
- C) He wants to be bigger than the mountains
- D) He is hiding from a predator

10. In Polynesian culture, what is the term used to describe a traditional sacred story or account of ancestral beings?

- A) Fable
- B) Myth
- C) Dreamtime**
- D) Legend

11. Which Australian animal is associated with the legend of how the sun was brought to the earth?

- A) Dingo
- B) Wallaby
- C) Possum**
- D) Platypus

12. What is the name of the traditional wooden wind instrument used in many Aboriginal ceremonies and storytelling?

A) Flute

B) Didgeridoo

C) Guitar

D) Drum

13. In Maori tradition, who is known as the god of the forests and birds?

A) Rongo

B) Tane

C) Tu

D) Whiro

14. Which mythical creature from Australian folklore is said to be a hairy, bipedal beast that hides in the bush?

A) Yowie

B) Bunyip

C) Min-min light

D) Tiddalik

15. The legend of the 'Min-min lights' in the Australian Outback describes mysterious objects that appear to do what?

A) Make loud sounds

B) Float and glow

C) Talk to people

D) Turn into rain