

Worksheet 2. The Metamorphoses and Genesis

Comparing creation narratives (teacher version)

Directions: Using the Venn diagram below, list at least five similarities between creation stories as depicted in *The Metamorphoses*, Bk 1:1–88 and Genesis 1–2. Then use the overlapping portion of the circles to list five differences.

OVID GENESIS Created by unknown god, one of Created by one god Both are enduring works that try to many (polytheism) (monotheism) explain who, what, or how time and existence, as it is known No time frame for creation Created in gradual process, today, came to pass. taking seven days Minimal mention of animals, World is formless and a void at the stated in context of where they More detail on creation of beginning. No light. All is in animals; told animals to darkness, but there is water before multiply and fill the earth creation. Earth shaped like a ball; knowledge of climate zones World is in flat layers, Divine or supernatural being separated by firmament credited with creation Man considered capable of higher thought Man given dominion over Created heaven, waters, and earth, animals created animals and plants Made man higher than animals