

Worksheet 3. The Metamorphoses and Genesis

Comparing destruction by flood narratives (teacher version)

Directions: Using the Venn diagram below, list at least five similarities between the destruction by flood stories as depicted in Ovid's *The Metamorphoses*, Bk I: 244-415 (The Flood) and in Genesis 6–9, using the overlapping portion of the circles. Then list five differences using the non-overlapping areas of the diagram.

| OVID | | _ | GENESIS |
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| Destruction by more than | | | |
| one god (polytheism) Jupiter makes no effort to | Purpose: to cleanse earth of evil mankind. | \ | Destruction by one god (monotheism) |
| save anyone. | Destruction is by rain. | | God tells Noah to build an |
| Specific details about the winds used to bring rain; rivers and oceans join in effort to drown humankind. | A few good humans survive. The majority of humans and animals are drowned. | | ark. Flooding caused by forty days and nights of rain Two of every animal saved |
| No effort to save animals | The human race is reborn through the efforts of | | Noah's family become a |
| Deucalion and Pyrrha regenerate mankind by throwing stones. | virtuous humans. | / | source of future humankind. |
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