

Worksheet 4

The Rainbow Serpent

Write Your Own Legend

'The Rainbow Serpent' is a Dreamtime story told many years ago by the Australian Aborigines. In many of the Dreamtime Legends, native Australian fauna (animals) are used to portray a message about how things came to be the way they are. The stories often have a strong moral. Choose one of the following and make up your own legend:

- How the Kangaroo Got its Long Tail
 - How the Wombat got a Flat Nose
 - Why Dingoes Howl
 - Why the Echidna is Spiky
- OR** make up your own title.

Use this narrative plan to help you get started:

Orientation

- Where is the story set?
- When is the story set?
- Who are your main characters?

Complication

- What will the problem be?

Series of Events

- What will happen to the characters?

Resolution

- How will the problem be solved?

Coda

- Is there a lesson that can be learnt?

