

## Unit 1 - Classwork 2: The Mythological Worldviews in Sumer and Ancient Egypt

In order to help you answers these questions, see pages 4—11 (and page 20) in Unit 1.

1. According to the Sumerians, the sun and the moon are not the same age, but which is older? Explain why. (See pages 4—7 in Unit 1.)
2. According to the Egyptians, the sun and the stars are not the same age, but which is older? Explain why. (See pages 8—11 in Unit 1.)
3. According to the Sumerians, why are we here? On the one hand, if we were put here for a *reason*, then what is the *purpose* of us being here? On the other hand, if we are here by merely by *accident*, then what *accident* brought us here? (See pages 4—7 in Unit 1.)

4. According to the Ancient Egyptians, why are we here? On the one hand, if we were put here for a *reason*, then what is the *purpose* of us being here? On the other hand, if we are here by merely by *accident*, then what *accident* brought us here?  
(See pages 8—10 in Unit 1. Note: We are *not* Egyptian kings.)

5. According to the Sumerians, why do the seasons change?  
(In order to answer answer this question, see page 20 in Unit 1.)

6. According to the Ancient Egyptians, why do the seasons change?  
(See pages 8—11 in Unit 1.)

7. OPTIONAL OPINION QUESTION:

Are we here for a *reason*? Why are we here? What is the meaning of life? *Why* do you exist?  
As long as you exist, do you have a *purpose* in life?  
Explain.