

Read each myth or legend carefully. Use details from the passage to answer the questions in complete sentences.

Nu Wa Repairs the Sky

Long, long ago, in ancient China, the world was still new and fragile. The kind goddess Nu Wa, with a human head and a serpent body, loved all the creatures she had made.



One day, a terrible disaster struck! The sky cracked open ✨, fire rained down, and floods covered the land. The pillars holding up the sky broke, and chaos filled the world. Nu Wa felt great sadness for her creations.

To save her beloved world, Nu Wa gathered five-colored stones from the rivers and mountains. She melted them down and used the glowing paste to patch the huge cracks in the sky. She also used the legs of a giant tortoise to prop up the four corners of the sky.

Slowly, the sky was mended, the fires died 🔥, and the floods receded. Nu Wa worked tirelessly until peace returned. This myth teaches us about the goddess Nu Wa's great love and sacrifice, explaining why the sky has different colors at dawn and dusk 🌈.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Who is the main character in this myth, and what is their role?

- A Nu Wa, the kind goddess who repaired the sky.
- B Pangu, the creator of the world. C Sun Wukong, the clever Monkey King.
- D The Dragon Kings, rulers of the four seas.



(2) In this myth, Nu Wa had to gather five-colored stones to _____ .

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(3) What does the word *receded* mean as it is used in the story?

- (A) became stronger (B) moved back or lessened (C) spread quickly
 (D) stayed in place

(4) Why did Nu Wa work tirelessly to repair the sky? What does this tell us about her?

(5) What do you think this myth was trying to explain or teach? How does its message connect to something in real life today?

