

Genre: Fiction

Traditional Literature: Myth

Elements of a Myth

*Sundiata: Lion King of Mali* Evidence

During ancient times (and in some cultures today), myths were told to explain the unknown. Myths were the science, philosophy, and theology of the ancient worlds

The peoples of ancient times believed myths were true explanations of the rise and fall of tides, sun rises, sunsets, stars in the sky, great storms, ...

The main characters (protagonists) in a myth are gods and/or supernatural beings.

Settings in a myth include places in the universe and on Earth.

Authors use imagery to describe the setting and the

Mythical themes usually explain the creation of something: for example, music, an eclipse, a sunrise, the rise and fall of the tides

Myths were stories told to teach and explain the science, philosophy, and theology of the ancient worlds. We know so much more in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Myths were the science of ancient times.

What did you learn after reading the myth, *The Creation of Music*?