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## **From the Beginning: Understanding & Creating Origin Stories**

Guide for Curriculum Unit 22.01.02  
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Students will be reading the core text, Matt Dembicki's *Trickster*. While reading, students will examine the science in the story as well as build a stronger understanding of how setting impacts their learning and understanding. As a part of this unit, students will examine their understanding of concepts through sketchnotes. While doing so, students are asked also to consider the role oral storytelling plays in understanding a text. The culminating activity in the unit asks students to create their own story in the style of Native American origin stories.

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