**Mount Kilimajaro Story**

“Entoro” Snow Top / white / This white ash is the chalk they use for ceremonies….  
“Entoroto” – Must use white halk of white mountain to go to the next stage in life…  
be strong like the mountain.

Sayings: They say “Be Like the White Mountain” meaning to grow old …   
Be Old and have long life - Stay like the mountain, Keep White hairs (greying) for elders

Mountain is for Ilkisoko Maasai – Other Maasasi have different Mountains – but they all know the “White Mountain”

The nose of the mountain, they say breathes, as white snow falls – they say mountain in breathing

Mount Kili is a blessed mountain --- whenever ceremony or marriage or school they say “ go be a leader, be strong like the mountain” be strong & big “ be like the white Mountain” Olboya Oilbor”

God Story: Enkai, “Nai”God answers us when we go to the mountain, “Aye” meaning yes. God answers us and says okay when we go or look to the mountain to pray… We bow to mountain and say “Nai” Then the elder blesses & then says to wake up sharp after praying – to open eyes & everyone jumps us screaming… So they have energy to continue & be strong…

Maasasi pray in mountain with a black sheep, they rost it so smoke goes to god, they ask for blessings & rain – It rains after 3 days of slughter in mountain. The go in caes in mountain too to slaughter black sheep.

Mamas in morning during iling, pour milk to he mountain… Asking for librations & prayers…

The river for Enkapaata, is a cold river… “Enkireta” small plant the folwer turns blue, they use this plant from the mountain as soap to wash body during & after cicumsion… its green and grows by the river. Wash for 7 days after cut.

The river is very cold --- 5:30 AM --- wash body with cold water coming from snow of the mountain so cold numbs body before circusion… wash body with mountain water… then they pray parents pray --- “let my son go to bed with no pain, because he washied his body with the mountain water” it’s a blessing. Kive goes in small pot of water. “no pain” when we use white water from the mountain” Pur mountain water – wash & be pure.

Plants – Soap is one, but they also get many plans from mountain --- they say plants growing on mountain make you strong like mountain. “Elsekero” is plant for Elmomoi – beer with honey & aloe --- beer used for blessings…

Also Sticks from the mountain bring peace – they use these sticks in ceremonies – Enkotian” tree for circumsion… boy must get frommountain… grab tree & be like a mountain… “the tree is the baby of the mountain” must go get part of the mountain & hold to be strong & blessed during ceremony.

Every August, they go to mountain for ol pul – meat eating to bush to eat herbs, plants, soups & meat to gain strength.

OlD Man Story ---- There was a man “ Con midica” a powerful peaceful man… he never fought anyone in his life, had 12 wifes and many children – all of them are living, none lost or passed away, he was considered most blessed man in Maasailand - He lives between 2 mountains like Culu Hills --- Thet say to be like him… be peaceful, old, and keep your wives & children so you are happy & live long.