
Unit 1

Lead-in

Phoenix ; Pan'gu ; Sui ; Nuwa ; Chang'e ; Kuafu ; The Eight Immortals ; Houyi

Reading A

1. 2 ; 5 ; 4 ; 1 ; 4 ; 1

2. Western mythology : People who collected and compiled mythology ; the great Greek writers Homer and Hesiod

Chinese mythology : books with miscellaneous subjects but containing many myths : Shanhaijing, Chuci, and Huainanzi

Reading B

1. D、G、B、A、E、H、F、C

2. ①She took river mud and shaped the first people by hand. Later, she dipped a reed into the mud and flicked blobs of mud onto the ground. When she breathed on the mud creatures, they sprang to life.

②She did not want to stay on the earth to watch over them, nor did she want to return to make or repair them. She wanted the humans to learn to live on their own without the help of gods.

③Because by doing so she could recognize her creations.

3. 前七栏仿写替换即可。Animals that crawl slowly along the ground ; animals that slither like a snake ; animals that jump ; animals that dart suddenly and rapidly.

Reading C

1. ①avaricious and bloodthirsty

②auspicious, wisdom

③a future emperor

④dragon-king temple

⑤zodiac animals

⑥charismatic, innovative

2. f、d、e、c、a、b

3. ①Dragons have mythical attributes in controlling the weather, especially the rain.

②Dragon is often associated with the emperors in the past.

③Dragons are free spirits, have controlling power and are mythical.

④powerful, ancient, beautiful, auspicious.

⑤talented, ambitious, vigorous, vital, proud, dignified, sincere, direct, brave, loyal, and not easily deceived.

Shelf-check

①geographic boundaries

②be traced back to/trace back to

③the major repositories of Chinese ancient myths

④mythological stories

⑤mending the sky/repairing the heavens

⑥cruel, evil and earthly; auspicious, powerful and heavenly