WRITE YOUR OWN POURQUOI TALE

"Pourquoi" is a French word that means "why." Cultures all over the world have pourquoi tales.

Before they could explain the world around them through science, people used pourquoi tales to try to explain WHY or HOW something was the way it was.

YOU can write your own pourquoi story. To write your story, think about the following:

1. What is it that you are explaining? (Titles of pourquoi stories often start with "how", "why" or "the story of")

2. Who is your main character? (Is it animal or human, or an object like the sun, the moon or even a mountain? If it's alive, is it a male or female?)

3. What other characters are there in your tale?

4. Where do they live, or where are they found? (In a certain part of the world? Or on a type of place like a desert, a river, the ocean, a cave, outer space, etc.?)

5. When do they live? (Most pourquoi tales take place a long time ago)

6. What is the problem your tale is trying to explain?

7. How do we see this thing today? ("So to this day, the elephant has a long nose because…")

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