Teacher's notes and answer key

Nüwa – the Goddess Who Mended the Sky

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Answers B

1. The water god Gong Gong lost a struggle for power and, in his rage, rammed Mount Buzhou, one of the pillars of heaven, with his head.

2. Fires ate through forests, floods covered the land, wild beasts and birds of prey attacked the people.

3. Melted stones in red, blue, yellow, black and white – they stand for the five elements fire, wood, earth, metal and water (Wu Xing).

4. The four legs of an ancient giant turtle.

5. The sky tilts to the northwest and the land sinks to the southeast – that is why China's great rivers flow southeast.

Answer C

Correct numbers from top to bottom: 4 – 7 – 1 – 6 – 2 – 8 – 3 – 5

Notes on D and E

E: fire → tear sealed with melted five-colour stones; sky → four turtle legs as pillars; dragon → killed in a fight; floods → reeds burned to ash and piled along the banks.

D2: Nüwa also shaped the first humans from clay – she rescues her own creation; she is worshipped in Daoist temples.

Content note and age

Recommended from age 11. Images of disaster, a fight with a dragon and the cutting-off of the turtle's legs.

Sources of the retelling: Chinese tradition, including the Huainanzi (2nd century BC).

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