Pangu – the Giant Who Became the World

Subjects: English · Religious Studies · History | recommended from age 11 (A2/B1) | Video: 8:51 min



Watch the video
youtu.be/jgdCJKni2zA

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

A · Before watching

1. How did the world begin? Write down one explanation you know – from religion, science or a story.

B · While watching

1. What was the world like before Pangu woke up?

2. What did the light and the heavy parts of the chaos do?

3. How long did Pangu hold heaven and earth apart – and how fast did he grow?

4. Why did Pangu die at the very moment he had finished?

5. According to Chinese tradition, where do humans come from?

Useful words

chaos	Chaos	heaven	Himmel
giant	Riese	exhausted	erschöpft
egg	Ei	to turn into	sich verwandeln in
to push	drücken, stemmen	creation	Schöpfung

C · Put the story in order

Number the events from 1 to 8 in the order they happen in the video.

	He pushes the light parts up and the heavy parts down.
	Pangu lies down and dies.
	At the beginning there is only shapeless chaos inside a cosmic egg.
	Heaven and earth become stable.
	Pangu sleeps inside the egg for eighteen thousand years.
	His body turns into the sun, the moon, mountains and rivers.
	Pangu wakes up and feels trapped.
	He stands between heaven and earth and grows every day.

D · Think and discuss

1. Pangu gives his whole life for the world. Is he a hero to you? Explain.

2. In Chinese tradition the human body is a small copy of the cosmos. What does that mean?

E · Pangu's body becomes the world

Write down what each body part became, according to the video – and draw a small symbol.

	turns into …	Symbol
breath and voice		
left and right eye		
blood		
hair and beard		

F · Get creative

1. In your exercise book, write Pangu's last thoughts as heaven and earth finally hold on their own (8–10 sentences).