**Study Guide**

**Native American and Euro-American Creation/Origin Stories**

* **Read the “A Meeting of Old and New Worlds” in *Conversations in American Literature* pp. 187-192**
* **Read *Readings in American Literature* (softcover) pp. 9-20**
1. What is an origin story? What purpose do origin stories serve to the cultures from which they come?

1. What can studying the Native American and the European American origin stories illuminate for us?
2. After completing the readings listed above, do the following exercise on the Cultural Values of Native and European Americans. **Directions:** Read each of the statements below, keeping in mind the creation stories you have read and other information you have been given regarding Native Americans and European colonists. Write **E** beside each of those values associated more with European Americans and **N** beside each of those values associated more with Native Americans. Note after each statement **specific textual evidence from the origin stories (do not use secondary sources) that supports your choice**.

**\_\_\_\_\_There exists a spirit of cooperation between humans and nature.**

Textual evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_There exists a hierarchy of God over man and man over woman.**

Textual evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_Woman is part of man.**

Textual evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_Man is master over woman.**

Textual evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**continued on reverse**

**\_\_\_\_\_Humans have a kinship with animals and nature in general.**

Textual evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_Women’s roles and functions are as important as those of men.**

Textual evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_Man owns nature.**

Textual evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_Humans should dominate the world.**

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**\_\_\_\_\_Man must obey God or be punished.**

Textual evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_Man was created separately from nature.**

Textual evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_Man’s existence is dependent upon working with other animals.**

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**\_\_\_\_\_Man must work constantly to obey God’s commands.**

Textual evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**\_\_\_\_\_Some kinds of knowledge may be/may lead to evil.**

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