



UNIT 3: MY STORY

Inquiry 1: Why do we tell stories?

Part 1

Activity Sheets:

MM1.1 - The Yamuti
MM1.2 - Metaphors
MM1.3 - Why Tell Stories?
MM1.4 - Traditional Stories

1. View

Watch the *Wadu Matyidi* animation.

2. Explore the Yamuti

What did you learn about the story of the Yamuti? Did you contribute to the class discussion? It's OK if you didn't, I'm sure you were listening really hard! Now, answer the questions in your worksheet, The Yamuti, to reflect on what you have learnt.

3. Explore Memorable Stories

Think about some of your favourite stories. Decide on one that you like best. You might have read, watched or heard it from a friend or relative. How did it make you feel? Did it have a moral to be learnt? What made this story special to you? Share your favourite story with your class.

4. The Purpose of Stories

- i. A Metaphor is a figure of speech which uses an image or object to describe a person, story or an idea. For example:
 - Love is a battlefield.
 - Fear is a beast that feeds on attention.
 - Life is a constant battle.
 - My memory is a little cloudy.
 - He is a pig.
 - Mistakes only mean you are getting better than you were before.

Now create your own metaphor which relates to your own memorable story. Then think of two more. Write them on your Metaphors worksheet.

- ii. Why do people tell stories? What is the purpose of stories? Explain using your Why Tell Stories? sheet why you think we tell stories to one another.
- iii. Can you think of any stories, told through a poem or song, which preserve your culture or another culture? For example, *Waltzing Matilda*. Use the Traditional Stories sheet to list your examples and explain why they are important. You might like to ask your friends, parents or search for cultural songs or poems on the internet.