

**LITERATURE UPDATE**

***The Earth Under Sky Bear's Feet***

A selection of poems about the night sky from the Mohawk people, the Cochiti Pueblo of New Mexico, and the Lenape of the Eastern Woodlands.

***A Universe of Stars***

This article explores the nature of stars, how scientists study them, and the tools and equipment used to explore the universe.

***Not-So-Starry Nights***

Light pollution is excess light that makes it difficult to see stars. Because many animals depend on patterns of light and dark to live, light pollution is causing changes in animal behavior all over the world.

## Star Power

In class, we are learning about the night sky. We are reading about how scientists study the stars, and how light pollution makes it hard to see them. We are also reading Native American poems that describe the sky at night. Finally, we are learning the following skills to help us become better readers and writers:

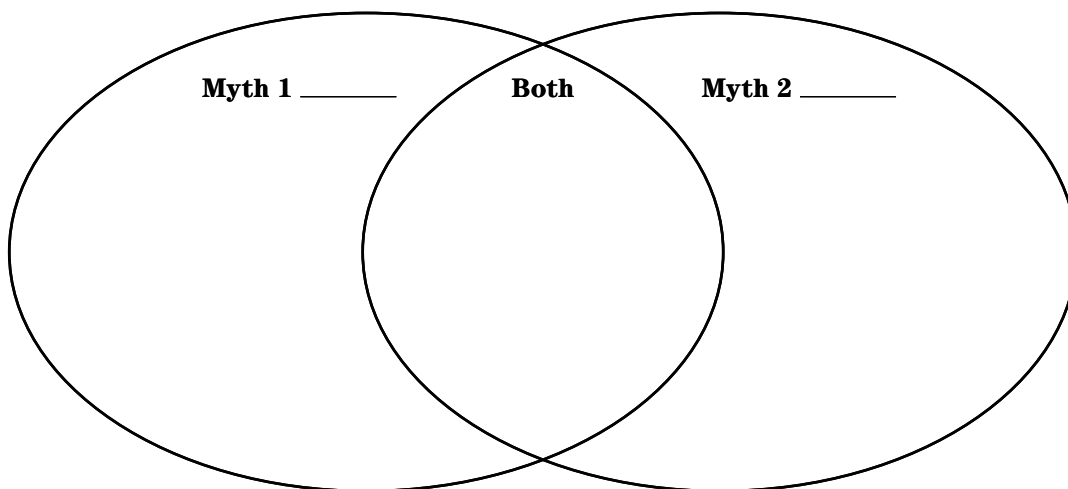
### Unit 7 Skills Focus

- Vocabulary:** Context Clues
- Reading:** Make Inferences
- Literary Analysis:** Compare Myths; Evaluate Author's Style; Determine Author's Purpose; Compare an Author's Works
- Grammar:** Prepositions and Object Pronouns
- Writing:** Write a Description; Write a Persuasive Business Letter

## COMPARE MYTHS FROM TWO CULTURES

Work with a family member to compare two myths.

1. Research myths about a natural occurrence in nature, such as why the sun shines, the features of the moon, and so on. Choose two myths from two different cultures to compare the same event.
2. Talk about the similarities and differences in the myths. Write the differences in the outer parts of the circles. Write the similarities in the overlapping part of the circles.



3. Discuss the differences and the similarities.
4. Bring your diagram to school and share it with your class.