

Yuma Explains the Mystery of the Moon

When students learn about the world, when they study science, they often wonder what it must have been like for the inhabitants of Earth thousands of years ago, and how they perceived the world around them.

This story takes place hundreds and thousands of years ago, before civilisations, before cities, before countries! When people were only just starting to understand the world around them. When people told stories...

The story begins introducing Yuma, a young girl who lives in a cave with her extended family, her tribe. Every night the tribe sit around a fire in the centre of the cave and listen to the elders telling stories.



Stories about nature, stories about the weather, about all the different animals, the trees. Stories about the sun, the stars and... stories about the moon.

This was the only way they could even begin to understand the world, listening to the stories was their "science".

Yuma is very interested in the moon. She doesn't believe one of the old ancient stories about the moon being formed from a huge egg laid by a gigantic bird.

Yuma has studied the moon's cycles, it's changing shape, she counts the days and nights... She knows all about the moon, but she is unable to convince the rest of the tribe...

Until one winter's day, there is a solar eclipse and the terrified tribe turn to Yuma for answers.

I have two different versions of this story, one for students of 5th and 6th primary, and one for students of 1st and 2nd ESO which is also suitable for older students too.