

Genesis 1:1-2:3 - THE (FIRST) STORY OF THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE

The first book of the Bible begins with two complementary stories about the creation of the universe. The First Creation Story in Genesis 1:-2:3 starts out with watery chaos and ends up with a Sabbath rest, and the entire cosmos is in its proper order. Print the following terms in the correct boxes below to summarize the pattern.

Animals & Humans
Birds
Dry Land & Oceans
the Firmament

Greater & Lesser Lights
Light & Darkness
Plants & Vegetation
Sabbath Rest

Sea Creatures
Stars
Waters above
Waters below

| | Environment | Occupants | |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Day One | | | Day Four |
| Day Two | | | Day Five |
| Day Three | | | Day Six |
| | Day Seven | | |

Ancient peoples pictured the world as a flat pancake or tortilla with mountains on the horizon, all floating on deep waters. A clear dome or "firmament" covered the earth with sky-blue waters above. Can you sketch a picture of that in the space below?