



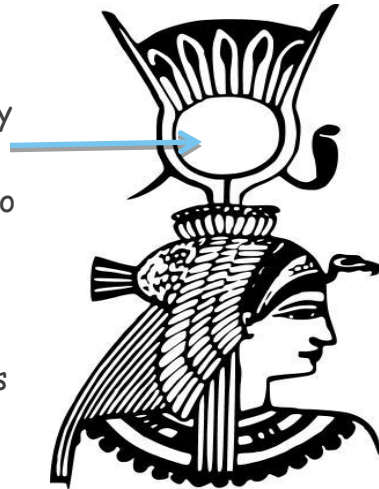
Worship the Sun - Teacher's Notes

Worship the Sun

In ancient times (our ancestors worshipped the Sun and the Moon. The Egyptian pharaohs' were said to be the Sun made flesh on Earth and they wore a solar disc in their headdress to signify this. Their Sun god was called Ra and was said to have brought the Earth to life by speaking the names of all living things. Ancient Egyptians noticed that as the position of the sun changed so did the seasons and the behaviors of animals and the life cycles of plants.

The early Celts worshipped the Moon because they noticed that as the moon changes the behaviors of animals changed. She was called Arianrhod meaning silver wheel. From Crete to Ireland she was known as the mother goddess.

For Western Australian Aboriginal people the moon was called Kidili. He was castrated for trying to rape the first women who escaped into the sky to become the Pleiades constellation also known as the seven sisters. Perhaps Year 3 is a bit early for that story?



Students are asked to make a poster, which will persuade ancient people to worship either the Sun or the Moon.

(**HINT:** Use few words and few colours)

Marking key

Title is clear and bold	1 mark
Major image/picture is eye catching	2 marks
Reasons for worship (At least 2)	2 marks
On time and named	2 marks

Students may be asked to mark each other's efforts but overseen by their teacher.

