Goshute Creation Legend	Questions to Consider:
Two women, a mother and her daughter , lived on an island in the Great Salt Lake	Why do you think the story says that the girl killed the men in the world?
Sinav and Coyote lived in Skull Valley*. After the girl had killed all the men in the world, she came to get Coyote. Sinav told her that there was no [such person as] Coyote.	
Sinav went with the woman toward her home. It was very hot and they had no water. After a while the woman wanted to rest under a tree but Sinav knew better [than to let her stop]. He said, "No, we must go on." They went on to Great Salt Lake. The woman walked across on the water to the island. Sinav stayed near the shore, standing in the water. The girl's mother said to her, "Why don't you bring him over?" The girl made a path of earth through the water. Sinav walked over to the island, the water closing in behind him all the way.	What similarities do you see in this story and in your own life, or other stories you have heard? Differences?
Sinav went hunting and brought back deer. The women ate the meat and disposed of the bones Sinav killed two mountain sheep, an old one and a young one. He first used the neck of the old one Then he used the neck of the young one	
For several days Sinav hunted and brought in two deer each day. Each night he visited the women. Each woman bore a baby daily and put it in a large basketry jug. The jug became larger each day.	What do you think Sinav is doing with the jug? What do you think will happen?
Finally, the older woman told Sinav to go South and take the jug with him. She made a path of dirt across the lake to the shore. Sinav crossed, and the water closed in behind him. At first, as he walked along, the jug was light and easy to carry. It became heavier. After a while, he had to set it down. He went on again and set it down again. Each time he went a shorter distance before he had to set it down. This happened five or six times.	
Sinav heard a buzzing noise like a bee inside the jug. He wanted to look. When he began to open it, men jumped out and made a lot of dust. They knocked him over and ran away. Three times he removed the stopper and people came out. He watched them. They ran in all directions. They were the Shoshoni, Ute, Paiute and other tribes. The last man to come out was all covered with dust. He was the Goshute. He is tougher than other people; he is bulletproof.	Does the story say the Goshutes are special? How so?
*A Place in Tooele county, now a Goshute Indian Reservation	

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Group Discussion Questions

Go around the group, and briefly share (a minute or so) each of the people that you learned about. As you listen, answer the following questions and take notes (don't be afraid to ask questions if you want more info). Please use full sentences as you do.

1. Before the group discussion begins, write down a brief summary of the story you learned about: who is involved, what did they do, etc. Be ready to share your story!

2. As you listen to you classmates tell their story, write it down for each people in your own words:

3. Are the **people** discussed special in any way? Give some examples:

4. Are **animals** an **important** part of many of these **stories**? What are they like? **Give** some **examples**. Why do you think that is?