



From Your Birthday to Jupiter's

What's your origins story? Tape your "timeline" yarn here. Label what important event in your life each knot represents.

Put on a play to discover our beginnings! Act out the Seneca tale, "The Creation of the Earth" — or use a different cultural story! **Use your imagination** to bring the story to life, but **be respectful** of the culture that created the story you choose to enact!

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Here are some ideas for roles and props:

Tree holds a seed packet and a strawberry or strawberry plant in one hand and a white flower or flashlight high up with the other. He or she carefully falls over when "pushed" by Sky Man.

Sky Man tends the tree with a watering can and gently "tips" Tree.

Sky Woman wears a pillow stuffed under an oversized shirt and belted on. She looks into the hole made by tipping the tree. She falls through the hole and grabs the seed packet and strawberry (or strawberry plant) from the tree. She sits on turtle's chair ("shell") and, at the end, dances in a circle while pretending to drop seeds and plant the strawberry.

Musician shakes a rattle or can of dried beans as Sky Woman falls.

Goose and Swan "catch" Sky Woman and "carry" her to the turtle's chair ("shell").

Turtle crouches underneath a chair (his or her "shell") and looks friendly and helpful.


Duck, Beaver, and Loon each wear a snorkel mask, swim goggles, or flippers and dive after the cup of dirt.

Muskrat dives and brings up a "pawful" (cup) of dirt, and then she dies.

Jupiter and Earth share a common origin, and their story is your own history!
Create a birth certificate for Jupiter, Earth, and yourself:

Jupiter!

Born: 4.5 billion years ago
Location: Orbiting the _____
Mass: 318 times greater than
Earth

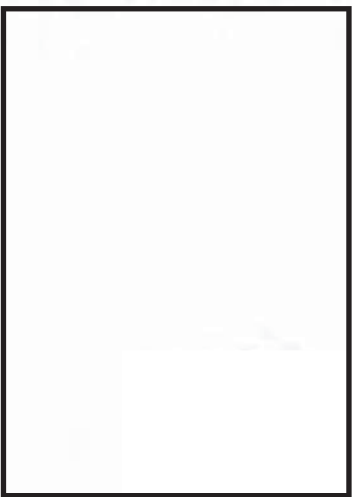


Me!

Born: _____
(date)

Location: _____
(state or country)

Weight: _____ lbs.



(drawing not to scale with
Jupiter and Earth)

Earth!

Born: 4.5 billion years ago
Location: Orbiting the _____
Mass: 13,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
lbs.

