From *Genesis*: Build Background

1. Why did the Hebrews feel so strongly that all their writings should be contained in a single sacred book?
2. What does “monotheistic” mean? What did they believe about God?
3. What is contained in the book of Genesis?

Creation and the Fall

1. What is the “greater light” and “lesser light” referring to?
2. How are God’s actions on the seventh day commemorated in the modern world?
3. Why does Eve eat the forbidden fruit?
4. What is the effect of using dialogue in the part of the story where God confronts Adam and Eve?
5. How are Adam and Eve punished for disobeying God?
6. There are many pourquoi stories (stories of how things came to be) contained in this selection. Identify at least three.
7. What qualities is God portrayed as having in this story? What human qualities are portrayed?