Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Semester One

English 10/Period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Purposes of Storytelling

“Phan Ku the Creator” …author unknown

Teacher Handout

**Myth Archetype**

*VOCABULARY*

BEFORE READING:

1. Read the text labeled “Comment” at the end of the story to answer the following question: What is the country of origin? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What archetype is mentioned in the introduction? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We find out in the intro that **Phan Ku** is considered the creator of the world in this particular culture. He does this by means of his own sacrifice. Please explain what the phrase **“by means of his own sacrifice”** means:

DURING READING:

Sketch a picture of Phan Ku based on the descriptions provided. Write a caption about your picture.

AFTER READING:

Please answer the following *comprehension* questions:

1. **Where** did Phan Ku emerge from? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Describe what Phan Ku looked like.
3. **How** did Phan Ku create the world? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. What was the yin?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What was the yang?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. When was the world considered complete?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How was the dome of the sky made?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What composed the land, rocks, rives and seas, etc. ? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Where have we seen this before? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Critical Thinking Questions*

9. Using specific examples from the story explain why Phan Ku would be considered an

important figure in Chinese legend?

1. List the multiple archetypes mentioned in this legend?
2. What is the purpose of this myth? What two things are being explained?
3. Explain the significance of using fleas to represent humanity.