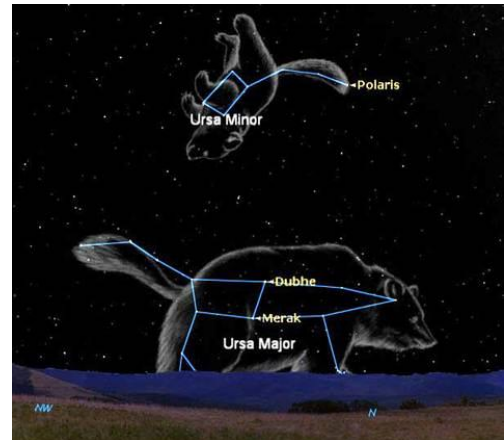


Group 1: Pomo Tribe of the Northwestern US:

Once there was a bear who went on a walk along the Milky Way, way up in the sky. As he was walking, Bear met up with the Sun. Bear told Sun to move out of his way. Sun told Bear to move out of his way, instead. They shouted back and forth at each other for some time. Because they were both stubborn, neither Bear nor Sun would move out of the other's path.



Soon their angry words turned into a fight. Bear moved closer to Sun, blocking some of his rays. Bear then threw himself on top of Sun, making the Earth below turn black like night had come. Eventually, Sun beat Bear and pushed him away. The light returned to the Earth. Bear kept walking, and Sun kept going his way, too.

Every once and a while, Bear and Sun will get into another fight, because neither one will move out of the way for the other.

Group 2: Norse/Viking Legend:

Once, there were two wolves who wanted to eat the Sun and the Moon. One wolf named Skoll decided to run after the Sun, while the other wolf named Hati decided to run after the Moon. They ran and ran as fast as they could.



The first wolf, Skoll, caught the sun, holding him with his big sharp teeth. The second wolf, Hati, caught the moon, dragging him on top of the sun so they would have a big pile of food to eat.



The Moon's body blocked Sun, making the Earth dark as night. The people of Earth were scared and began to cry and moan. Fortunately for the Sun and Moon, the wolves got scared by all of this noise and ran away. The Moon slowly got up and helped the Sun up, too. The light returned to the Earth and the people were happy they had scared the wolves away.

Group 3: Chinese Myth:

High in the sky, there are many dragons who live in the clouds. Some of the dragons only fly at night, eating up stars as they pass. That is why some stars run away, which we call shooting stars. Other dragons only fly during the day, eating clouds as they pass. The dragons are happy to live this life.

There is one dragon, however, who is very greedy. He doesn't like eating clouds or stars. He likes eating the sun! Usually the sun is too fast for this dragon. Every once and awhile the dragon manages to get a little bite of the sun. But sometimes, when the dragon is



hungry and quick enough, he swallows the whole sun! This makes the Earth suddenly turn black like its nighttime.



Luckily, the people know how to make the dragon cough the sun back up. They bang on drums, which scares the dragon and makes him cough up the Sun so it can return to the sky.

Group 4: Vietnamese Legend:

There is a giant frog who lives in the sky. He is determined to eat the sun, so he has been chained up with a golden chain for many, many years.

Every great while, the frog manages to escape when the guard watching him falls asleep in the heat of the sun. Fortunately, the guard's friends know this can happen. If the sun disappears from the sky, they have learned to rush to the guard to wake him back up.

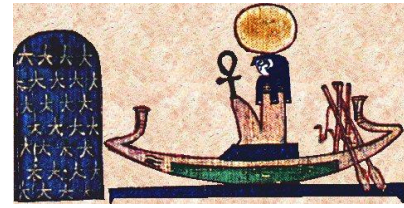
The people on Earth also know to help wake him up by beating their rice grinding bowls with pestles, making a loud banging sound as they hit the stone with stone. Each time the frog escapes, he manages to swallow



the sun for a minute or two, but then the awoken guard always forces the giant frog to spit the sun back up before the frog can finish eating it.

Group 5: Ancient Egyptian Legend:

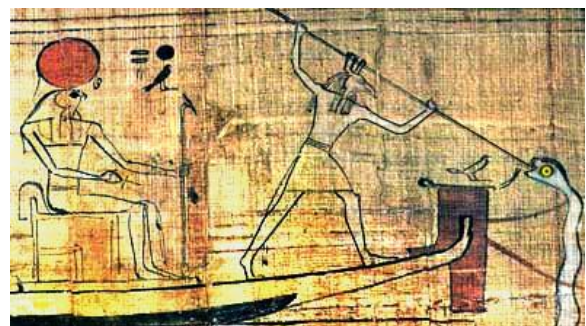
Ra, the falcon-headed sun god, is a very important god. Legend has it that every day Ra is the captain of a boat that travels across the sky. At night, Ra returns to the east by traveling through the underworld, bringing light to the dead as he passes.



Each day is a dangerous, treacherous journey. Ra has an evil enemy named Apep, who is a serpent god. Apep often tries to stop Ra from completing his journey by eating him whole.



Although it is rare, Apep sometimes gets the upper hand and starts to swallow Ra's body whole. Because Ra is being eaten, this makes the Earth



suddenly turn dark like the night time. Fortunately, Ra always manages to escape because of his strong claws and beak, so the sun always returns to us each day.