

# A Story of Friendship: The Cow and the Carabao

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## Questions to Consider

1. Cow is known for her beauty and generous nature, as she provides the village with sweet milk. Carabao is known for his strength and his swiftness, as he helps to carry and quickly deliver heavy loads. Think about your best qualities. Are you strong like a carabao or free like a bird? What animal is most similar to you? Why?
2. When Cow and Carabao go for a swim, they have their own rituals before getting in the water. A ritual is a habit that you practice daily. What rituals do you have? How do they help you get through your day?
3. Cow and Carabao are competitive friends, but they still bring out the best in each other. Who brings out the best in you? How do they do this?
4. Cow and Carabao face a major change in their appearance with a positive attitude, finding things to love about their new skins. Describe a time when you had to face a major change or challenge in your life? How did you react to the situation? Is there anything you would change about your reaction? If so, describe.

## Creative Prompts

1. The Cow and the Carabao is an origin story about how the cow and carabao came to have their skins. Use your imagination to write an origin story for another animal on Guam. For example, why does a fânihi, or bat, sleep upside down? Why does a binâdu, or deer, have horns? Be creative and have fun. Remember, origin stories also include a moral or lesson. What can you teach others about life in the origin story of the animal you choose?
2. A haiku is a three-line poem. The first and third line of the poem is made up of five syllables and the second is made up of seven. Write a haiku about your favorite animal.
3. A ranch on Guam is hiring new animals! Imagine you are a kabâyu, or horse, and you're applying for one of these new positions. Write a letter to the lanhero' (rancher) explaining why you would be the best fit for the job. What are your best qualities as a horse? How would you help make the ranch a better and more productive place?
4. Write about your favorite memory with your best friend. What did you two do? Why is this your favorite memory with them?

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