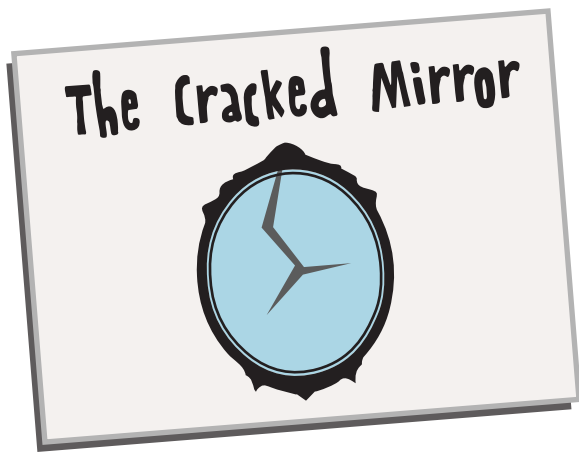


How do you think this superstition began? Write a story about why a broken mirror is known to give people bad luck for seven years.

Do you believe in this superstition? Why or why not?



The True Origin of the Cracked Mirror:

The Romans were the first people to create glass mirrors. They also believed that their invention had the potential to steal part of the soul of the person using it. If a person's reflection were distorted (or broken) while using a mirror, then their soul would be corrupted and trapped!

Fortunately, the Romans also believed that a soul could be renewed after seven years' time. Until that point though, the person would still suffer from bad luck, since they lacked a whole, healthy soul to fight off evil.

If a person wanted to shed their bad luck a little sooner, there were a few methods to free a soul, including grinding all the pieces of the mirror into a fine dust, or burying the pieces of the mirror under a tree during a full moon.

Do you think the invention of the mirror was a good thing or a not-so-good thing? Why?

Do you have any superstitions? Do you really believe your superstition, or is it more of a habit or tradition?

