

The Myth-Maker's Workshop with Ellie

Learning objective: To identify and use the key features of myths and legends to create an original character-led adventure.

Ellie the elephant has been reading ancient stories and wants to help you write your own! A myth often includes a hero, a magical creature, a difficult quest, and a moral lesson. Use the word bank to fill in the blanks in the story skeleton below, then answer the questions to build your own legend.

Long ago, in a kingdom hidden by mist, a hero set out on a dangerous [1] _____. They carried a glowing [2] _____ to guide them through the [3] _____ forest. Along the way, they met a wise [4] _____ who warned them about a tricky [5] _____ hiding in the shadows. With great [6] _____ and a bit of [7] _____ help, the hero saved the day and became a true [8] _____.

Word bank: quest · enchanted · courage · villain · oracle · talisman · supernatural · legend

1. 1. Look at the passage above. Which word describes something that is not natural, like a dragon or a flying stone? Write it here. (1 mark)

2. 2. Myths often explain why something in nature is the way it is (like why the sun rises). If you were writing a myth about Ellie the elephant, what natural feature would you explain? (e.g., why elephants have trunks). (2 marks)

3. 3. Every legend needs a 'flaw' or a 'challenge'. Why is it important for a hero to have a challenge in a story? (2 marks)

4. 4. If a hero had to buy a magical potion from a market, it might cost £4.50. If they bought three potions, how much would they spend in total? (2 marks)

5. 5. Think of a 'moral' or lesson for your story. What should the reader learn after finishing your myth? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your own original hero standing next to Ellie the elephant. Give your hero one magical object they might use on their quest.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing the 'villain' in your myth. Use at least two adjectives to describe their appearance and one verb to describe how they move.