

Myths and Legends Quest with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify the key features of myths and legends and understand how they explain the world around us.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through ancient stories! Read each question carefully and select or write the best answer. Good luck, explorers!

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. True, 3. False, 4. C, 5. Hero, 6. False, 7. A, 8. Myth, 9. True, 10. Courage.

Word bank: Hero · Legend · Myth · Supernatural · Quest · Origin · Moral

1. 1. Which of these best describes a myth? A) A story about a real person from last year, B) A traditional story often involving gods that explains how the world was made*, C) A news report about the weather, D) A recipe for baking bread. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Legends are often based on real people or events from history, even if they have been exaggerated over time. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Myths and legends were originally written down in modern digital apps before they were told orally. (1 mark)

4. 4. What is a 'quest'? A) A type of ancient meal, B) A short poem about nature, C) A long, difficult journey to achieve a goal*, D) A map of the stars. (1 mark)

5. 5. What do we call the main character in a legend who often performs brave deeds? (1 word) (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Myths always feature modern-day technology like aeroplanes and computers. (1 mark)

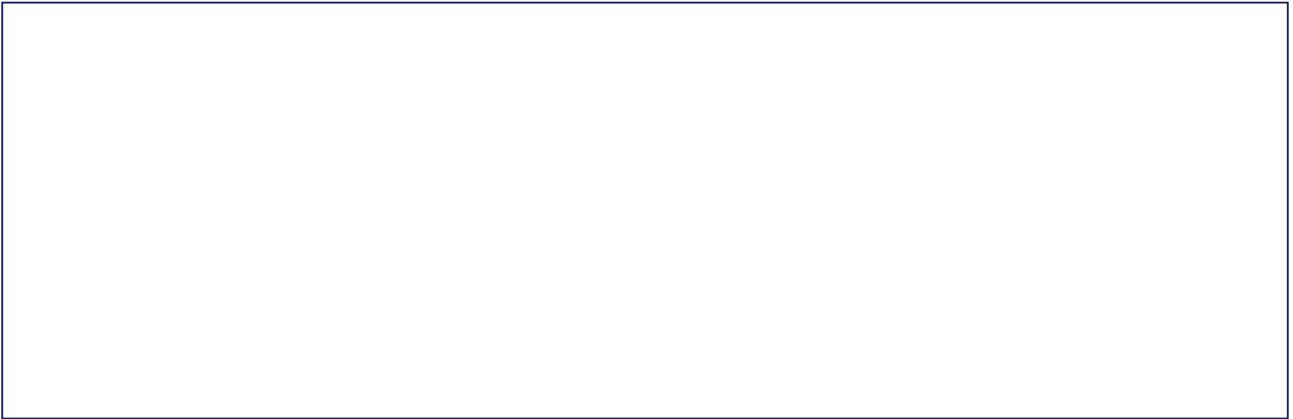
7. 7. Why were myths often created in ancient times? A) To explain natural phenomena like lightning or the seasons*, B) To help people calculate their taxes, C) To teach people how to use a computer, D) To predict the price of milk in pounds. (1 mark)

8. 8. If a story explains why the Sun rises every morning using a magical chariot, is it a Myth or a Legend? (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: A 'moral' is a lesson about right and wrong that is often found within a legend or fable. (1 mark)

10. 10. What character trait do most heroes in legends possess? (1 word) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a legendary hero or a mythical creature that Ellie the Elephant might find in one of her history books. Give them a special item like a golden shield or a magical map.



Extension challenge: Choose your favourite mythical creature. Write three sentences describing what it looks like and one special power it has. Remember to use expanded noun phrases to make your description exciting!