

Year 4 Assessment: Myths, Legends, and Heroic Tales

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the features of myths and legends, including characterisation, setting, and the structure of traditional narratives.

Read the text carefully before answering the questions. Ensure your handwriting is clear and use full sentences where required. Show your knowledge of literary devices and structural features.

In the ancient valley of Oakhaven, long before the first stone of the village was laid, lived a giant known as Bramble-Foot. It was said that Bramble-Foot could stride across the widest river in a single step and that his laughter sounded like rolling thunder across the hills. One day, a young villager named Elara decided to climb the Misty Peak to ask the giant to help divert the floodwaters that threatened the valley's crops. She carried only a satchel of seeds and a brave heart. When she finally reached the summit, she did not find a monster, but a lonely soul who had spent centuries protecting the forest from the shadows of the North. Elara offered him a gift of wild apple seeds, and in return, the giant promised to move the great boulders that blocked the river's path, saving Oakhaven forever. From that day on, the people of the valley never feared the thunder again; they knew it was simply Bramble-Foot working for the good of all.

Word bank: myth · legend · supernatural · protagonist · antagonist · heroic · fabled · setting · quest · moral

1. Identify two features of this story that suggest it is a legend rather than a factual recount. Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

2. What is the primary motivation for Elara's journey to the Misty Peak? Use evidence from the text. (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the character of Bramble-Foot at the beginning of the story versus the end. Why does the author choose to change the reader's perception of him? (3 marks)

4. Find and copy two examples of descriptive language (adjectives or metaphors) used to build the setting or the character. (2 marks)

5. Explain why the author included the detail about the 'satchel of seeds'. How does this object symbolise the relationship between Elara and the giant? (3 marks)

6. Myths often explain natural phenomena. Based on the passage, what natural phenomenon is being explained through this legend? (3 marks)

7. Creative Writing Task: Write a short paragraph (5-8 sentences) describing a new challenge Elara might face on her journey down the mountain. Ensure you use at least two words from the word bank and maintain the formal, legendary tone. (5 marks)

8. Justify your answer: Is Bramble-Foot a traditional 'monstrous' antagonist? Support your argument with references to the text. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene depicting the moment Elara meets Bramble-Foot at the top of Misty Peak. Include details from the text such as the satchel of seeds and the environment of the peak.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: What might happen if the giant decided to leave the valley forever? Write a brief prediction explaining how the village's 'legend' would change over the next hundred years.