

Myths and Legends: The Legend of the Silver Stream

Learning objective: To identify the features of myths and legends and explain how characters are presented in traditional tales.

Read the story of the Silver Stream below. Think about how the characters act and what makes this story a legend. Answer the questions in full sentences.

Long ago, when the mountains were young, a fierce dragon guarded the Silver Stream that fed the valley's crops. The villagers were thirsty and their fields were brown and dusty. Leo the Lion, known across the land for his bravery, decided to embark on a quest to speak with the dragon. He did not bring a sword, for he knew that kindness was a stronger shield. When he reached the dragon's cave, he found the creature crying because a large boulder had blocked the mountain spring, causing the dragon great pain. Leo used his strength to move the stone. The water flowed again, sparkling like diamonds. The dragon thanked Leo, and from that day on, they became guardians of the valley, ensuring the stream never ran dry. This tale has been told by the elders for generations to remind us that even the most frightening problems can be solved with a gentle heart.

Word bank: myth · legend · heroic · supernatural · quest · courage · ancient · mystery

1. Why did the villagers struggle at the beginning of the story? (2 marks)

2. What does Leo the Lion do that shows he is a hero? (2 marks)

3. Find and copy one word from the text that describes the stream. (1 mark)

4. Why is this story considered a legend rather than a news report? (2 marks)

5. What lesson are the elders trying to teach by telling this story? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing Leo the Lion meeting the dragon at the mountain spring. Make sure to include the sparkling silver water and the large boulder.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an elder in the village. Write a short paragraph explaining why the dragon should be respected by the people living in the valley.