

Crafting Your Own Myth: A Hero's Journey

Learning objective: To structure a narrative using the conventions of myths and legends, including character development, a central conflict, and a moral lesson.

Follow the prompts below to build your own original myth. Use descriptive language to bring your mythical creature or hero to life. Remember to include a 'supernatural' element or a challenge that tests your hero's courage.

Long ago, when the mountains were still young and the stars whispered secrets to the wind, a young explorer named Elara discovered a hidden path guarded by a creature of mist and starlight.

Word bank: In the ancient days of... · Without warning, · Consequently, · A legendary beast emerged, · Spurred on by bravery, · The moral of the tale is... · Furthermore, · Beneath the shimmering surface, · Suddenly, the sky darkened as...

1. Introduction: Set the scene for your myth. Where and when does your story take place? Start with: 'In the time before time, when the earth was still being shaped...' (2 marks)

2. Character Profile: Introduce your hero. What is their special ability? Start with: 'The protagonist, [Name], was known throughout the land for their...' (2 marks)

3. The Conflict: What challenge or mythical beast must the hero face? Start with: 'Disaster struck when the great [Creature/Force] appeared, causing...' (3 marks)

4. The Climax: Describe the hero's journey or battle. Start with: 'With a heart full of courage, the hero approached the challenge by...' (3 marks)

5. Resolution: How does the story end and what lesson is learned? Start with: 'Peace was finally restored, and from that day forward, the people remembered that...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph explaining why your myth might have been told by ancient people to explain a natural phenomenon, such as why the sun rises or why the ocean has tides.