

Exploring Myths and Legends with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the features of myths and legends and apply knowledge of narrative structure to create a character profile.

Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of traditional stories to answer them. Remember, Ellie the Elephant loves to hear about heroic deeds and magical creatures!

Myths and legends are traditional stories passed down through generations. A myth often explains how the world was created or why natural things happen, featuring gods or magical beings. A legend is usually based on a real person or event from history, but it has been exaggerated over time to include heroic deeds and exciting adventures.

Word bank: Hero · Myth · Legend · Quest · Supernatural · Moral · Setting · Obstacle

1. Explain the difference between a myth and a legend. How do we know if a story is one or the other? (2 marks)

2. Myths often feature 'supernatural' elements. Can you list two examples of supernatural powers or creatures you might find in a myth? (2 marks)

3. Many legends follow a hero on a 'quest'. Why does the hero usually go on a quest, and what kind of obstacles might they face? (3 marks)

4. If you were writing a legend about a local town, what is one 'historical' fact you could include to make the story feel more believable? (2 marks)

5. Choose one mythical creature. Describe its appearance and one special ability it has using adjectives. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw your own original legendary hero standing in front of a magical setting. Include one item they are carrying for their quest, such as a glowing shield, a mysterious map, or a magical staff.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) introducing a new legend. Tell us who the hero is, where they live, and what major problem they need to solve.