

The Legend of the Star-Stone

Learning objective: To retrieve information, infer meaning, and evaluate themes within a mythological text.

Read the story of Nova's discovery carefully, then answer the questions that follow using evidence from the text.

High atop the Silver Peaks, Nova the owl spent her nights studying the vast, velvet sky. One evening, whilst tracking the movement of a distant comet, she noticed a faint, pulsing glow hidden within a crag of ancient rock. With a gentle flutter of her wings, she landed beside it. It was a fragment of the Star-Stone, a relic spoken of in the legends of the mountain creatures. According to the stories, the stone fell during the Great Awakening, when the stars were said to have danced with the mountain peaks. As Nova touched the cool surface, she felt a rhythmic hum vibrating through her feathers. It wasn't just a rock; it was a map of the constellations, etched by time itself. Nova realised the myths were not merely bedtime stories meant to entertain, but historical records left by ancestors who watched the sky long before she was born. She knew then that her mission was to protect this piece of history and ensure that the stories of the stars would never be forgotten by those in the valley below.

Word bank: mythology · ancient · celestial · legend · gaze · whisper · relic

1. Where was Nova when she discovered the Star-Stone, and what was she doing at the time? (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. What does the text suggest about why the Star-Stone hummed when Nova touched it? (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Why does Nova decide that it is important to protect the stone? (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. How does the passage show that Nova's perspective on legends changes? (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important to keep old legends alive? Explain your answer using your own ideas. (3 marks) (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the owl discovering the glowing Star-Stone inside the craggy mountain peak. Include the constellations she might be seeing in the sky above.



Extension challenge: Imagine you have found a magical object from an ancient legend. Write a short paragraph explaining what the object is, what it does, and how you plan to keep it safe.