

The Legend of the Star-Stone

Learning objective: To retrieve information and infer meaning from a myth-style text.

Read the story below carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand tricky words. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Long ago, in a deep green valley, there lived a brave knight named Sir Silas. People told a legend about a magical Star-Stone. They said it fell from the night sky and landed on the highest peak of the mountains. The stone was said to glow with a bright, blue light. It kept the valley safe from storms. One winter, the light began to fade. The crops would not grow and the air turned cold. Sir Silas decided to climb the mountain to find the stone. He packed his bag with bread, cheese, and a warm coat. The climb was steep and rocky. When he reached the top, he found the stone covered in grey dust. He used his soft scarf to wipe the dust away. Suddenly, the blue light shone brighter than ever before. The ice melted and the flowers began to bloom. The people of the valley cheered for Sir Silas. They knew he was a true hero because he cared about their home. From that day on, the valley was peaceful and happy.

Word bank: Myth: A very old story from the past. · Legend: A story about a hero or magic. · Ancient: From a long, long time ago. · Valley: A low area of land between hills.

1. What did Sir Silas pack in his bag to help him on his journey? (2 marks)

2. Where did the people say the Star-Stone landed? (1 mark)

3. Why did the light on the Star-Stone stop glowing at the start of the story? (2 marks)

4. How did Sir Silas feel when he saw the stone was covered in dust? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Sir Silas was a good hero? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Sir Silas at the top of the mountain holding the glowing blue Star-Stone.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a new magical object you would like to find. Start your sentence with: 'I would like to find a magical...'