

Exploring Myths and Legends with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the features of myths and legends and identify their key characteristics.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you complete your answers. Ellie the Elephant has provided some sentence starters to help you.

Word bank: Hero · Monster · Magic · Legend · Myth · Gods · Lesson

1. A myth often explains how the world was made or why things happen in nature. Can you name one thing a myth might explain? (2 marks)

2. Legends often feature a brave hero. If you were writing a legend, what special power would your hero have? (Sentence starter: My hero would have the power to...) (2 marks)

3. Many myths and legends include a creature that the hero must face. Draw a line to match the word to its meaning:

1. Hero: A creature that causes trouble.

2. Monster: A brave person who goes on a quest. (2 marks)

4. Why do people tell legends? Think about the 'lesson' they might teach. (Sentence starter: People tell legends to teach us to be...) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a legendary creature. Is it big or small? Does it have wings or scales? Give your creature a name.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a place where your legendary creature lives. Use the word 'magic' in your sentence.