

Crafting Your Own Mythical Legend

Learning objective: To structure a narrative myth by introducing a hero, a supernatural challenge, and a moral lesson.

Follow these steps to build your own legend. Think about how your hero faces a challenge that explains something about the world around us. Use the word bank to help your writing flow, and remember to use descriptive adjectives to bring your setting to life.

Long ago, when the stars were still settling into the velvet sky, a brave explorer named Elara ventured beyond the Whispering Woods to find the source of the golden dawn.

Word bank: Long ago, in the mists of time... · Beneath the shadow of... · Suddenly, a formidable obstacle appeared... · Driven by courage and wisdom... · To the astonishment of all... · Consequently... · This explains why...

1. Introduction: Who is your legendary hero and what is their special gift? Introduce them by describing their character and the setting where they live. (3 marks)

2. The Call to Adventure: What mysterious event or quest forces your hero to leave their home? Explain why they are the only person who can solve this problem. (3 marks)

3. The Supernatural Challenge: Describe the obstacle your hero faces. Is it a mythical creature, a magical trap, or a force of nature? Use 'Compare and contrast' to show how this challenge is different from everyday problems. (4 marks)

4. The Climax: Explain how your hero uses their intelligence or kindness to overcome the challenge. Justify why this specific action was the most successful way to solve the puzzle. (4 marks)

5. The Resolution: What does the world look like now that the quest is over? Explain why this myth is still told to children today. (3 marks)

6. Reflection: What might happen if your hero had failed their quest? Describe the consequences for the natural world. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: Myths often explain natural phenomena (like why the sun sets or why the tides change). Write a short paragraph justifying why your chosen phenomenon is important to the balance of nature. How does your hero's action maintain that balance?