

Legends of the Lost Archipelago: A Year 5 Myths Quiz

Learning objective: To identify the structural features, themes, and linguistic devices common to traditional myths and legends.

Join Pip the bookworm on an expedition through ancient stories. Read each question carefully and select or write the best answer. Good luck, young explorers!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.A, 5.Quest, 6.B, 7.D, 8.True, 9.Hubris, 10.B. *Note for teachers: Myths often explain natural phenomena, while legends are rooted in historical traditions.*

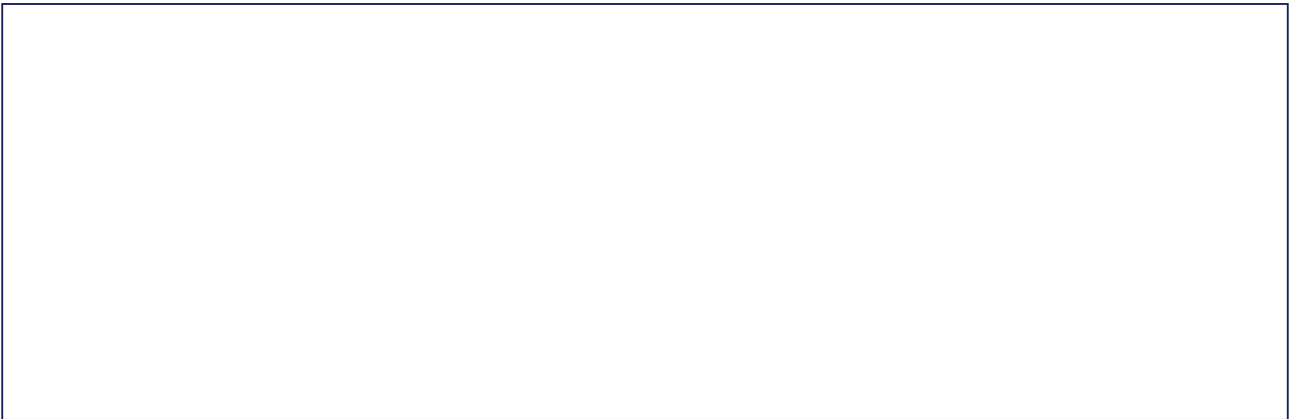
Word bank: Protagonist · Supernatural · Oracle · Quest · Mythology · Legend · Hubris · Antagonist

1. 1. Which term best describes a character's excessive pride or arrogance that often leads to their downfall in a myth? A) Heroism B) Bravery C) Hubris* D) Wisdom (1 mark)
2. 2. True or False: Myths were traditionally created to explain how the world works, such as why the seasons change or how mountains were formed. (1 mark)
3. 3. True or False: A legend is exactly the same as a myth, with no basis in historical fact. (1 mark)
4. 4. What is the primary purpose of a 'supernatural' element in a story? A) To add magic or mystery* B) To save money C) To make the story shorter D) To focus on science (1 mark)
5. 5. What is the one-word term for a difficult journey or mission undertaken by a hero to achieve a specific goal? (1 mark)
6. 6. Which of these is a common feature found in traditional legends? A) Modern technology B) A hero who performs extraordinary deeds* C) Space travel D) Scientific experiments (1 mark)
7. 7. Why might an author use 'elevated' or formal language when writing a myth? A) To make it sound like a news report B) To make it funny C) To confuse the reader D) To give the story a sense of timeless importance* (1 mark)
8. 8. True or False: The 'antagonist' in a myth is usually the character who opposes the hero. (1 mark)

9. 9. In many ancient stories, what is the 'one-word' name for a person or place that provides wise, often cryptic, advice to the hero? (1 mark)

10. 10. Which sentence describes a legendary hero best? A) Someone who stays home and reads. B) Someone who shows courage and strength in the face of danger.* C) Someone who avoids all conflict. D) Someone who only focuses on their own wealth. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a legendary hero standing before a magical landmark (like a glowing tree or a floating island) that represents a force of nature.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why many cultures independently developed myths about the sun and the moon. 2. Compare and contrast a modern superhero story with a traditional myth; what features do they share? 3. Justify your answer: Does a hero need to have a fatal flaw to be interesting? 4. What might happen if a myth were retold in a futuristic setting—how would the 'supernatural' elements change? 5. Create a short myth explaining why the sea is salty. 6. Analyse how the setting of a story influences the hero's actions.