

Myth-Maker's Masterpiece: Designing a Legend

Learning objective: To plan and structure an original myth using traditional conventions, including heroic quests, supernatural elements, and moral lessons.

Use this template to brainstorm the key components of your own original myth. Think about how Leo the Lion might describe a heroic journey or how Ellie the Elephant would recall the ancient history of a fictional land. Ensure your language is rich and descriptive, using powerful verbs and adjectives to bring your legend to life.

Word bank: supernatural · treacherous · legendary · feat · consequence · protagonist · enchantment · triumph · mythical · transformation

1. The Hero's Origin: Describe your protagonist. What is their unique strength, and what is the one flaw or challenge they must overcome? (3 marks)

2. The Quest: Explain why your hero must embark on their journey. What specific object or knowledge are they seeking to retrieve? (3 marks)

3. Supernatural Intervention: Describe a mythical creature or magical force that aids or hinders the hero. Justify why this encounter is necessary for the plot. (4 marks)

4. The Moral Lesson: Compare and contrast the hero's initial attitude with how they feel at the end of the myth. What lesson does this story teach the reader? (4 marks)

5. The Climax: What might happen if the hero fails their final trial? Describe the stakes of this moment using vivid imagery. (3 marks)

6. Reflection: Explain why myths often feature extreme weather or landscape changes to represent a character's internal emotions. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph explaining how you would adapt this myth for a modern audience. What elements would you change to keep the moral lesson relevant today? Justify your choices.