

Year 6 Assessment: Myths and Legends

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the conventions, themes, and language features of traditional myths and legends.

Read the passage carefully and answer all questions in full sentences where required. Ensure your spelling and grammar are accurate.

In the golden age of the Great Peaks, the villagers of Oakhaven lived in fear of the Frost-Giant, a mountain that groaned with icy breath. Young Elara, a weaver of tales, decided to end the winter. She carried only a mirror polished by the sun and a cloak woven from embers. As she climbed, the wind whispered warnings, and the stones rattled like chattering teeth. Reaching the summit, she did not fight with steel, but held up her mirror. The Frost-Giant saw his own lonely reflection, felt the warmth of the sun's captured light, and wept, his tears turning into the first river of spring. The mountain settled into a peaceful slumber, and the village knew warmth once more.

Word bank: supernatural · heroic · mythology · legend · quest · personification · metaphor · tragedy

1. Identify two features of the passage that suggest it is a myth rather than a factual recount. (2 marks)

2. Find and copy one example of personification used in the passage. Explain why the author chose to use this technique. (3 marks)

3. Max the monkey believes the Frost-Giant represents a force of nature. Based on the text, what does the 'icy breath' of the mountain symbolise in the story? (2 marks)

4. How does Elara differ from a typical warrior character found in many legends? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks)

5. Pip the bookworm caterpillar thinks the 'mirror' is the most important object in the story. Why might it be considered a symbolic item in this myth? (3 marks)

6. Explain the moral or lesson that this story might be trying to teach the reader. (2 marks)

7. Extended Writing: Write the opening paragraph (approx. 100 words) of your own original myth. Include a heroic character, a supernatural setting, and a clear challenge they must face. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene depicting Elara facing the Frost-Giant at the summit. Include the mirror and the cloak as described in the text.



Extension challenge: Research a traditional legend from your local area. Write a 50-word summary of the tale. Total: /25