

The Legend of the Silver Peak

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and make inferences about the characteristics of myths and legends.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below. Use full sentences where appropriate.

Long ago, before the maps were finished, the villagers of Oakhaven spoke in hushed tones about the Silver Peak. Legend tells of a mountain that only appears when the moon is at its brightest. According to the stories, a brave guardian named Elara once climbed the icy slopes to return a fallen star to the heavens. It is said that she did not use a rope or axe, but relied on the kindness of the mountain winds.

Many elders believe that the mountain is not made of rock, but of solidified moonlight, which is why it remains hidden from the greedy eyes of those who seek gold. While the younger generation dismisses these tales as simple fables, the story remains a vital part of the village's heritage. Every winter solstice, the villagers gather to light lanterns, hoping to catch a glimpse of the shifting silver glow. Whether the Silver Peak is a true geographical wonder or merely a beautiful myth, the story continues to remind the people of Oakhaven that there is magic to be found in the world if one knows where to look.

Word bank: myth · legend · supernatural · heroic · ancestral · ancient · mystery

1. According to the text, what task did Elara complete on the Silver Peak? (2 marks) (2 marks)

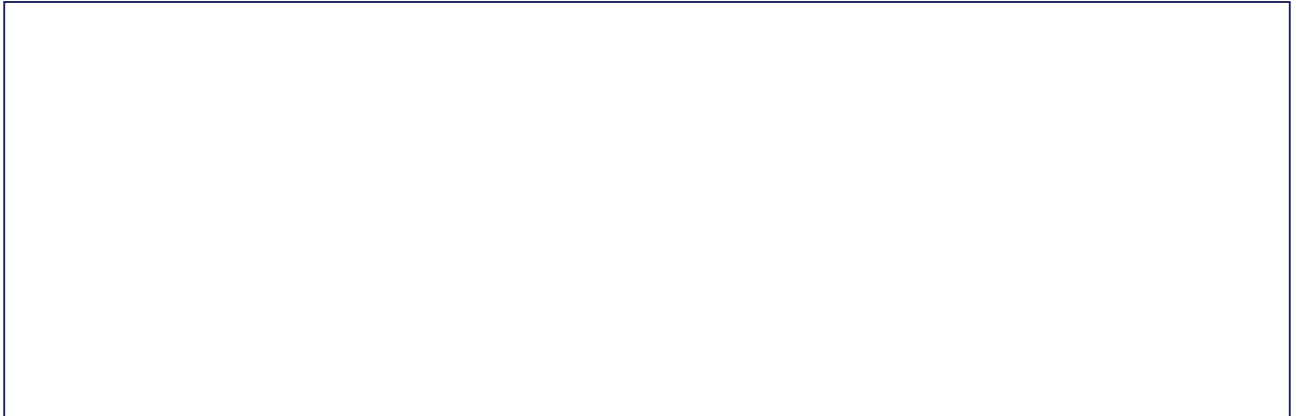
2. Under what specific conditions does the Silver Peak become visible? (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Why might the villagers keep the story of the Silver Peak alive even if some people think it is just a fable? (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. What does the author imply about the character of the people who might look for the mountain to find gold? (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. Do you think myths are important for a community to have? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks) (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing the villagers of Oakhaven standing on a hill at night, lighting lanterns and looking up at a mysterious, glowing mountain hidden behind the clouds.



Extension challenge: Research a real-life legend from your local area or country. Write a short paragraph explaining the origin of the story and why it is significant to the people who live there.