

Myth-Maker's Blueprint: Create Your Own Legend

Learning objective: To plan and structure an original myth or legend using traditional narrative conventions such as heroic traits, a supernatural challenge, and a moral lesson.

In this activity, you will follow in the footsteps of Ellie, our history and story expert. Use the template below to plan your own original myth. Think about a hero, a mysterious setting, and a magical challenge that needs to be overcome. Ensure your story has a clear beginning, middle, and end, and consider what lesson the hero learns by the final paragraph.

Word bank: supernatural · legendary · protagonist · enigma · courageous · mythical · consequence · transformation · ancient

1. The Hero: Describe your main character. What makes them legendary or special? Do they have a unique skill or a flaw they must overcome? (3 marks)

2. The Setting: Where does your myth take place? Describe the atmosphere of this place using powerful adjectives. (2 marks)

3. The Call to Adventure: What is the supernatural challenge or mystery that your hero must face? Why is it important that they solve it? (3 marks)

4. The Climax: Explain the most exciting moment of the story. How does your hero use their bravery or intelligence to succeed? (3 marks)

5. The Moral Lesson: Every good legend teaches a lesson. What is the final message your readers should take away from your story? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph explaining why your myth might be told by people living in the future. What would they learn about your hero's culture or values?