

Myths and Legends Story Writing

What Are Myths and Legends?

A **myth** is a story used to explain why things are the way that they are in the world around us. Some myths have survived for thousands of years.

A **legend** is a story that is loosely based on truth. Legends are passed down through generations and have important meanings or symbolism. They often feature a hero or heroine who fights monsters with the help of mythical creatures.



Myths and legends often feature:

a setting in the distant past, such as an ancient city;

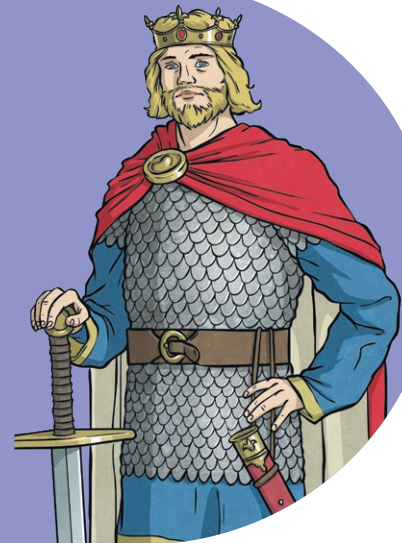
a hero or heroine;

mortal and immortal characters;

heavens or an underworld;

an explanation for how something began;

many different parts to the plot.



Key Words

a land far away

beginning of time

demon

heavens

monster

ancient city

cloud

dragon

hero

mortal

angel

creature

Earth

heroine

nymph

another world

deity

goddesses

immortal

underworld

gods

kingdom