

Y3 Myths Legends Themes

KS2 English · Follows the national curriculum

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1. Worked example

What type of story is 'Mags and the Shiny Things'?

Step 1 · Who are the characters?

talking animals: a magpie and an owl

Step 2 · Does it teach a lesson?

yes: do not be greedy, and listen to good advice

Answer: a fable

Check: Fables are short, have talking animals and teach a moral.

2. Now try one with the steps

What is the theme of the story?

Step 1 · What goes wrong, and why?

Step 2 · Name the big idea in a word or two

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What did Mags love to collect?

2. Who warned Mags about her nest?

3. What happened to the branch on the windy night?

4. Where did Mags sleep after the nest fell?

5. What did Mags build her new nest from?

6. What type of story has talking animals and teaches a lesson?

7. What type of story explains something in nature, often with gods?

8. Robin Hood stories are an example of which type of story?

9. Why did Mags laugh at Owl's warning?

10. How do you think Mags felt sitting in the rain? Give a clue from the text.

11. What is the moral of the story?

12. Why do you think Mags kept 'just one tiny silver button'?

13. What is a theme? Give an example.

14. Predict: 'The path split in two. One way was bright and sunny. The other was dark, but Rohan could hear someone calling for help.' What will Rohan do? Give a reason.

4. Before you hand it in

Making a wild guess: 'I predict a spaceship will land.'

Say 'I predict... because the text says...'

Giving the plot instead of the theme: 'The theme is a magpie's nest falls down.'

Ask 'What is this story really about?' Greed. Friendship.

Thinking a wrong prediction is a failure.

Check and change your prediction when you find new clues.