

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;

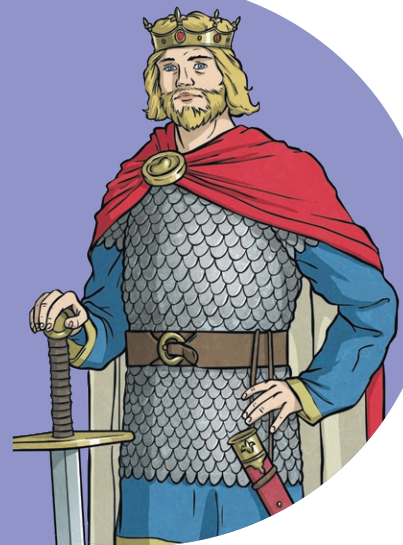
a hero
or heroine;

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	