

What are Legends?

How much do you know...?

1. Are they fiction or non-fiction?
2. Who are the main characters?
3. What are the main topics?
4. What's the purpose of legends?

Check your answers.....



A legend is a semi-true story, which has been passed on from person-to-person and has important meaning or symbolism for the culture in which it originates. A legend usually includes an element of truth, or is based on historic facts, but with 'mythical qualities'. Legends usually involve heroic characters or fantastic places and often encompass the spiritual beliefs of the culture in which they

originate.

Legends are about people and their actions or deeds. The people lived in more recent times and are mentioned in history. The stories are told for a purpose and are based on facts, but they are not completely true.

Either the person never really did what the story says, or the historical events were changed. The purpose was to make the story more interesting or convincing, or to teach a lesson, like knowing right from wrong.

Thor's supper hammer goes missing

Before reading:

How do we remember him? One of our days of the week is named after Thor _____

His hammer: his favourite toy was Mjollnir, his hammer. The name means Destroyer. It was made by two dwarves and was so powerful it could flatten a mountain in one go. Thor could actually throw this hammer halfway across the world and it would always hit its target! And what's more, he wouldn't even have to go and ask for his deadly weapon back – its magic powers made sure it found its own way back to his hand.

2. Do you own something that is really, really special for you?

Have you ever wondered how you'd feel if this most treasured possession suddenly disappeared?

What would you do to retrieve it?

Assignment

- Read the Legend and transform it into a piece of news following the style and the context of the Age. You can read some examples before.

You will be graded according to your capacity to keep up with the context!