



# Story Styles

Grade 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the passage comparing two types of writing or stories. Then answer the questions about what is the same and what is different.

Think about the PURPOSE of each type of writing — is it to entertain, to inform, to explain, or to inspire?

## Myth vs Legend: Tales of Old



Long ago, people told many stories to understand the world around them. Two types of these old stories are myths and legends.

Myths are very old stories that often explain how the world began or why things in nature happen. They usually feature gods, goddesses, or other powerful beings, like Zeus who ruled the sky or Hercules, a strong hero who was half-god. Myths help people understand big ideas like creation or the seasons.

Legends are also old stories, but they are usually about human heroes and their brave deeds. These stories might be based on a real person or event from the past, but over time, parts of the story get exaggerated or made up. For example, the story of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table is a legend, as is the tale of Robin Hood. Legends often inspire people with tales of courage and adventure.

**Both** myths and legends are ancient tales passed down from one generation to the next. **Both** types of stories often teach important lessons or share cultural values. **However**, myths focus on supernatural events and the actions of gods, **while** legends usually center on human heroes and their extraordinary, yet human, feats. Myths explain the unknown, **unlike** legends which celebrate human bravery and history.

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Which type of story often explains how the world began or why things in nature happen?



A Myth    B Legend    C Both    D Neither

(2) Which type of story is usually about human heroes and their brave deeds?

A Myth    B Legend    C Both    D Neither

(3) "Both myths and legends are ancient tales passed down from one generation to the next." Is this a **SIMILARITY** or a **DIFFERENCE**?

A Similarity    B Difference

(4) "Myths focus on supernatural events and the actions of gods, while legends usually center on human heroes." Is this a **SIMILARITY** or a **DIFFERENCE**?

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(5) Explain **ONE** way myths and legends are alike. Use the passage to support your answer.

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