

Can you arrange these statements in the correct order?

A

He found the Hand of Time in an ancient tower which could freeze people in time.

B

There was a little boy called Arthur who lived in a small town in Iceland.

C

A huge, dark wolf attacked and put out the great fire.

D

Arthur defeated the Fenrir and Thor revived the fire.

E

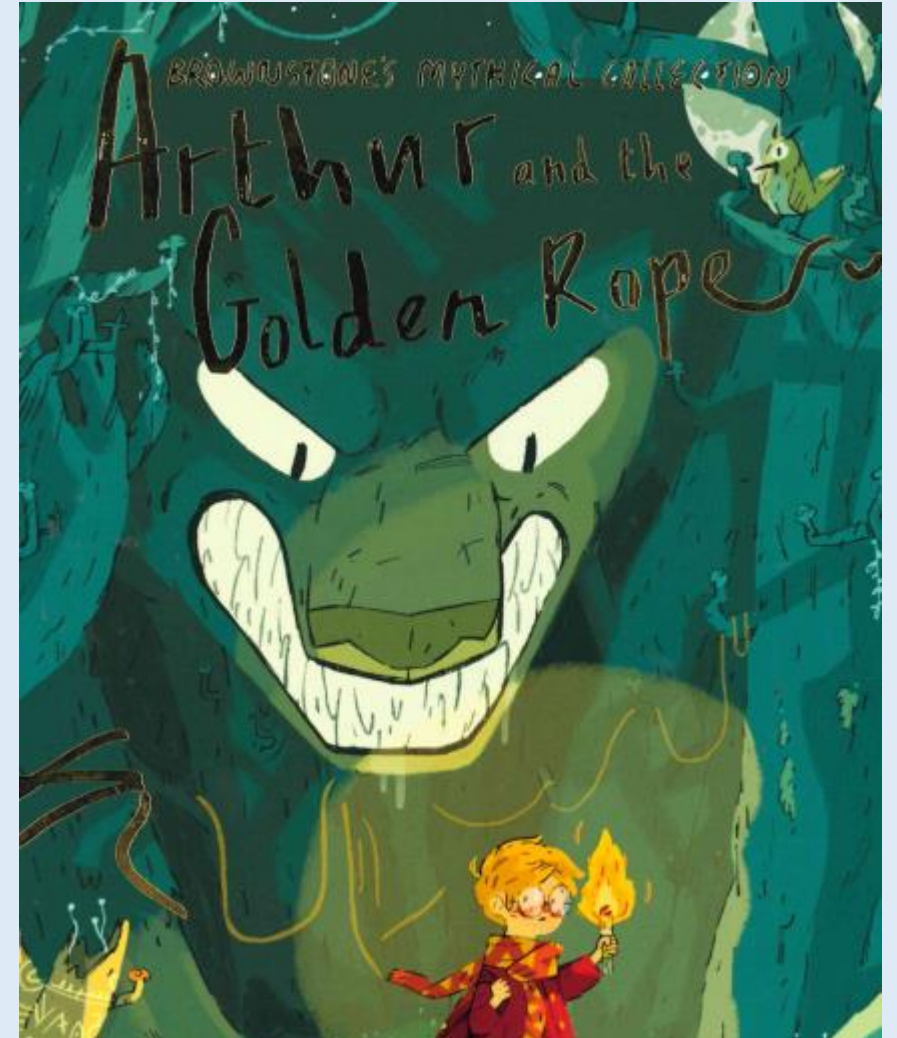
Odin gave Arthur a golden rope.

WAL to identify the features of a myth.

Must Know what a myth is.

Should Identify structural features of a myth.

Could Suggest creative writing devices for a myth.



Do you remember when we spoke about these. Have you ever seen these legends or myths? What similarities do you know about them?



Let's remind ourselves of the definitions of myths and legends:

What are legends?

A legend is usually based on a true event in the past.

However, the story may have changed over time to take on some special 'mythical' features.

Legends usually have a real hero at the centre of the story and they are often set in fantastic places. The story will have been passed on from person to person, sometimes over a very long period of time.

What are myths?

A myth is not quite the same as a legend. Sometimes a myth is loosely based on a real event but, more often than not, it is a story that has been created to teach people about something very important and meaningful.

Myths are often used to explain the world and major events, which, at the time, people were not able to understand - earthquakes, floods, volcanic eruptions, the rising and setting of the sun, illness and death.

What is the difference between legends and myths?

It is very hard to list the differences between myths and legends. In fact, it is often easier to say what they have in common than to say what makes them different from one another.

What we call legends are generally stories, which have an actual historical event or person as their starting point. Myths teach people how to behave or to give an explanation of the world around.

Your task:

Let's talk this through!

Use this checklist to identify the features of a myth in Arthur and the Golden Rope.

Feature	Y/N	How does this happen in Arthur and the Golden Rope?
Story is set in the past but not necessarily a real location.		
Includes brave or heroic characters		
Includes mythical creatures or magical objects		
Characters may have magical or superhuman powers		
The story features a quest or a trial		
The story features several dilemmas (battles or hurdles)		
Good triumphs over evil		