



1) What are Myths? What are Legends?

Read the following text and try to understand the main characteristics of Myths and Legends.

Lee el siguiente texto y trata de entender las características más importantes de los Mitos y las Leyendas.

Myths & Legends



What are Myths?

Myths are usually stories with a deep, symbolic meaning. Certain myths have survived for thousands of years and they are often used to explain how the world began or how a certain culture was started.

Key Words

mortal
immortal
heroine
creatures

underworld
beginning of time
nymphs
hero

Settings

heavens
Earth
underworld
ancient cities



What are Legends?

Legends are stories that can be part-truth. The stories usually involve a hero fighting monsters and being helped by magical creatures. They often involve the beliefs of the culture they are spawned from.

Key Words

heaven
old world
angel
gods

demon
deity
dragon
kingdom

Settings

kingdom
a land far, far away
clouds
hell



2) Myths or Legends?

Read the following list of stories and tick the ones you know. Are they Myths or Legends? Write Myth or Legend in the column next to the name of the story.

Lee la siguiente lista de historias y hace un tick en las que conoces. ¿Son Mitos o Leyendas? Escribí MYTH o LEGEND en la columna al lado de cada historia.

	Story	I know it! (Lo/la conozco)	MYTH or LEGEND?
a)	The Loch Ness Monster		
b)	Theseus and the Minotaur		
c)	Robin Hood		
d)	Perseus and Medusa		
e)	King Arthur and the Sword in the Stone		
f)	Sir Orfeo		
g)	Orpheus and Eurydice		
h)	The Knights of the Round Table		
i)	Odysseus and the Cyclops		
j)	Pandora's box		

3) Reading alone! Read Orpheus and Eurydice's myth on page 98 from your book and order the events 1-8.
(Lee el mito de Orpheus y Eurydice de la página 98 del libro *On The Pulse* y ordena los hechos del 1 al 8)

- a) _____ A snake kills Eurydice.
- b) 1 Orpheus and Eurydice are in love.
- c) _____ Orpheus crosses a river to the Underworld.
- d) _____ Eurydice says goodbye to Orpheus.

- e) _____ Orpheus kills monsters.
- f) _____ Orpheus looks back.
- g) _____ Orpheus plays a song for Hades and Persephone.
- h) _____ Orpheus and Eurydice are together again.