

MYTHS AND LEGENDS

Modern tales for everyday life



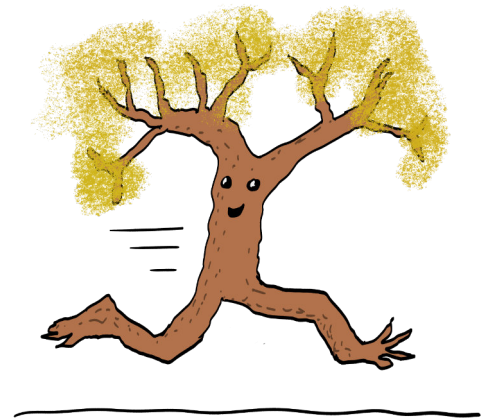
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What if plants could speak and walk? What would they say and do?

The Travelling Tree

English Folk tale

Looking for shelter one rainy night, a traveller spotted a single tree in the distance. Every time he got closer to it, the tree seemed to move further away. When he finally reached it, the tree started to speak and told the traveller he was off somewhere drier.

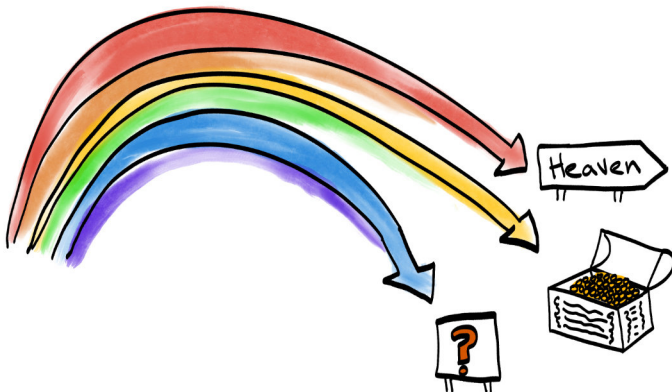


Jupiter's Thunderbolts

Roman myth

The Romans believed weather events such as storms, floods and fires were caused by angry Gods. They believed thunderbolts were thrown from the clouds by Jupiter, the king of the Gods.

What natural event can you think of and what legend can you invent to explain it?



The Rainbow Bridge

and other stories

The Vikings believed rainbows were bridges to Heaven. In Irish folklore, mischievous creatures called leprechauns are believed to hide their gold at the end of rainbows so they are forever out of reach. What could you invent at the end of a rainbow and why?

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Long ago, people believed strange creatures, magical places and mysterious inventions existed all around them, hidden in forests, wells, rivers and roads. Some still do... These stories helped our ancestors understand the world around them.

The world has changed a lot since and so we need new myths!

It's up to you to create the next legendary tale for modern life.

What do myths and legends do?

- explain mysterious things
- protect special places
- encourage kindness
- warn people about danger
- punish dishonesty and selfishness
- help communities remember important ideas

What do you think a modern myth should do?

- protect wildlife
- help lonely people
- reduce pollution
- help people tell or find the truth
- protect old buildings
- make people feel welcome

