

Creating an explanatory myth

1. Decide what kind of myth you'd like to write and its main focus

teaching

Teaching a moral or a lesson about life

What is that lesson?

explaining

Explaining a feature of the natural world

What is the feature?

wishing

Doing things that are beyond normal human powers

What is that superhuman power?

2. Setting the scene

Introduce the main character in your story. Are they a human, a supernatural being or even an animal?

Describe the setting of your story. Where in the world is the myth taking place? Greece, Africa, the Antarctic... or even another planet?

Top storyteller tip: Think of powerful vocabulary and alliteration to show what the main character and their setting are like.

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3. The unfolding of the story

Describe a problem or situation encountered by the main character and how the main character plans to tackle the situation.

Are there any more characters in your story? Do they help the main character or not?

Top storyteller tip: Use characters' direct speech to bring the story to life and entertain your audience.

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4. The story climax & resolution

Explain how the character(s) carry out the plan to solve the problem. Is the plan successful? What happens to the character(s)?

Top storyteller tip: Use a mythical time connective to signal the resolution or end of your story e.g. 'from that time on...'

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