

Fantasy Literature

Year 6 into Year 7 at PHGS







Learning Objectives

To develop understanding of Fantasy Literature, its features and stories.



What?

To understand how stories are at the heart of how we communicate to each other; to develop a love of reading by being guided to fantastic books; to bring us into community with other people, places, ideas and times.

Fantasy Literature

 Do you recognise any of these books? Some of them have been made into films which you may have seen.



• What kind of characters are in these stories?

- What kind of **settings** do they use?
 - What **happens** in these stories?

High Fantasy and Low Fantasy

• **High fantasy**, includes books that deal with magical creatures, a struggle between good and evil, kingdoms, and usually there is a quest that is attempted, if not completed, by one of the characters. *Lord of the Rings*, or *The Hobbit*, are good examples.

 Low fantasy, takes place in a more rational and physically familiar world, such as *Harry Potter* who lives in a street we would recognise (when not at Hogwarts!).

• There are other **genres** that are frequently included with fantasy, such as fairytales, folklore and myths.



• Watch this video which explains a little more about the fantasy genre.

Fantasy Character Types

- 1. The Hero
- There is no fantasy story without a Hero and a quest that needs undertaking. This is their fantasy world, and we're just living in it (for a time). The Hero might relish in their role, like Conan the Barbarian, or they may be a reluctant leader in the story's narrative, like Bilbo Baggins (initially).



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- 2. The Sidekick
- The Sidekick doesn't just help the Hero save the day, they also stick to the Hero's side through thick and thin: while going through the trials and tribulations of being "the Hero," the protagonist often buckles under pressure and reveals a darker side to themselves.





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• 3. The Mentor

 The road to solving a fantasy's main conflict is usually long and filled with peril. And without someone who knows the ropes just a little, it would be damn near impossible for the story to be resolved. Enter: the Mentor. They often appear to help save the day in crucial times of peril, and guide the Hero.



Design a Fantasy Character

 In this lesson, you are going to design a fantasy character. They can be a hero, a sidekick or a mentor. They could also be from a high fantasy universe, or a low fantasy one.



Year 6 Student Portfolio

 There is a section for this character design in your portfolio:

English Overview

Fantasy Character – During your Transition lesson at Primary School, you can draw your Fantasy character and write a description of them here. Think of their age, interests, history and any special skills they might have.

Character name and drawing:

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 Once you have drawn your character (don't worry, stick people are fine!) then you need to write some background. Use these categories to get started:

- Name
- Age
- Interests
- Skills

• **Challenge:** work in a group of 3 and create each of the character types to be part of the same story, OR create all 3 characters on your own!



Keep Your Character!

 Remember to bring your character with you when you come for your transition English lessons at PHGS.



• We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

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