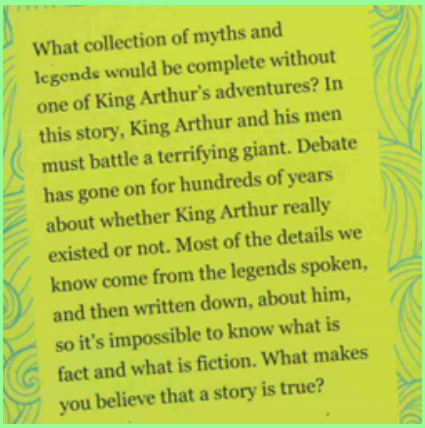
Reading!

LO: To retrieve key information from the text to answer questions.



Brief outline of the text:

This is a story taken from a book of myths and legends. This partucular legend is about a king called King Arthur. Scientists and Historians have searched for hundreds of years looking for proof that King Arthur was a real person, but they cant prove it yet. The legends say that King Arthur was a brave Anglo Saxon king who led armies into battle and defeated mythical beasts.


What collection of myths and legends would be complete without one of King Arthur's adventures? In this story, King Arthur and his men must battle a terrifying giant. Debate has gone on for hundreds of years about whether King Arthur really existed or not. Most of the details we know come from the legends spoken, and then written down, about him, so it's impossible to know what is fact and what is fiction. What makes you believe that a story is true?

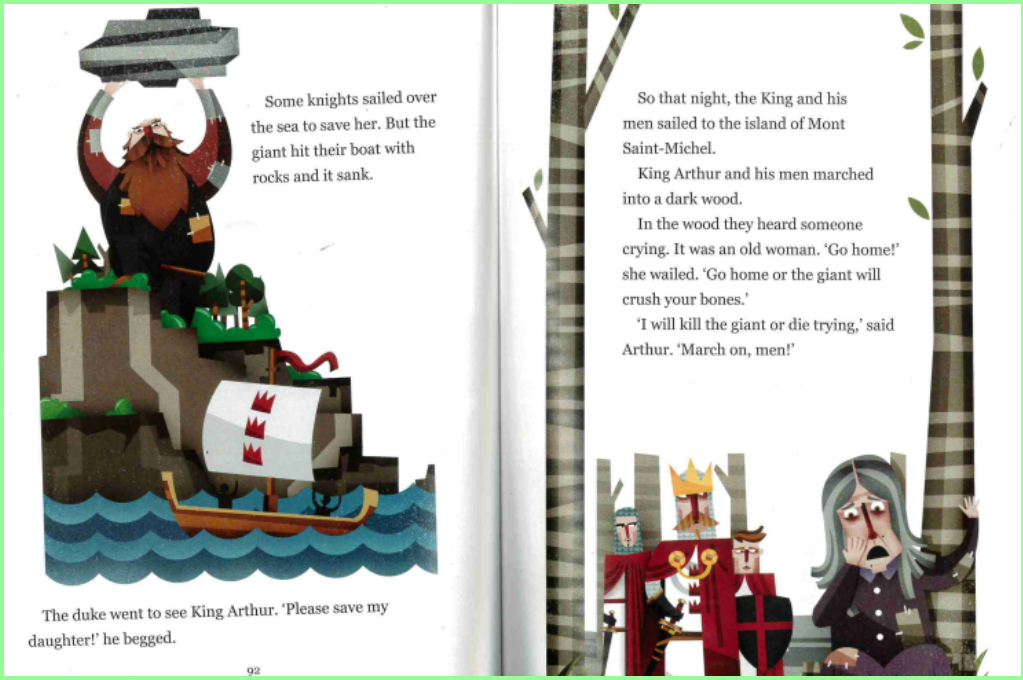
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2. Why did the Giant kidnapp Helena?
3. What happened to the Knight's boat?
4. Why did King Arthur's men think he couldn't defeat the giant?
5. How did King Arthur kill the giant?

Glossary:

- Duke – second in line to the king. Very high up in society and rich.
- Roared – shouted in a deep and mean tone
- Wailed – screamed with a sad, scared tone
- Club – large bat of wood used as a weapon
- Thrust – pushed with force


Magical Myths and Legends
On the island of Mont Saint-Michel, there lived a giant.
He had legs like tree trunks . . . fists like rocks . . . and a wicked heart.
The giant lived all alone, but he wanted to be like other men. So he went to find a wife.
His footsteps shook the earth:
BOOM! CRASH!
He crushed the villagers like ants.
He found Helena, who was the daughter of a duke.
He grabbed her in his huge fist.
'Wife!' he roared. The giant took Helena back to his island.



Some knights sailed over the sea to save her. But the giant hit their boat with rocks and it sank.

The duke went to see King Arthur. 'Please save my daughter!' he begged.

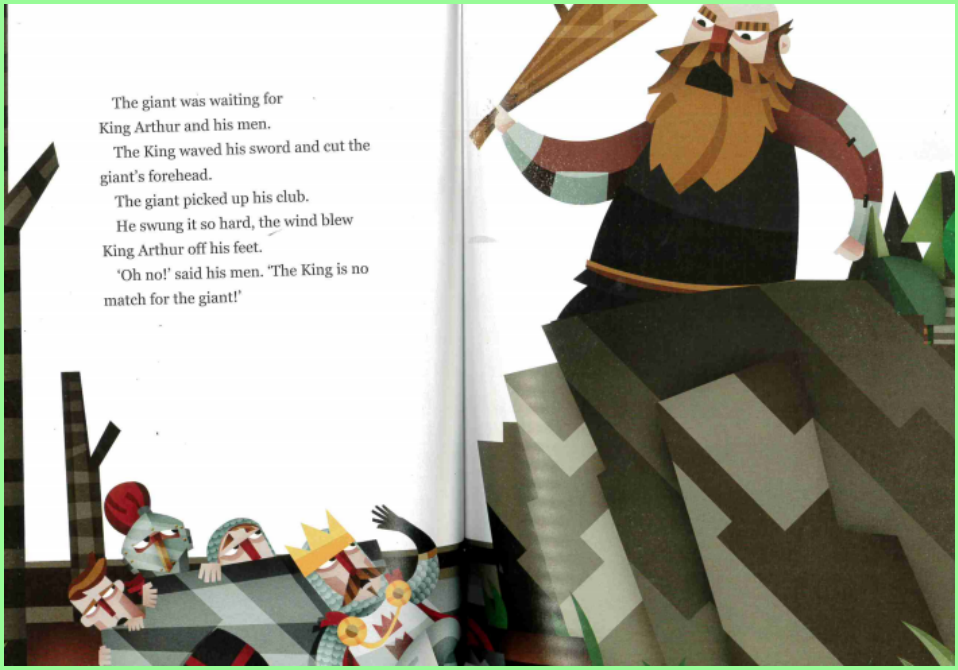
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So that night, the King and his men sailed to the island of Mont Saint-Michel.

King Arthur and his men marched into a dark wood.

In the wood they heard someone crying. It was an old woman. 'Go home!' she wailed. 'Go home or the giant will crush your bones.'

'I will kill the giant or die trying,' said Arthur. 'March on, men!'


The giant was waiting for
King Arthur and his men.
The King waved his sword and cut the
giant's forehead.
The giant picked up his club.
He swung it so hard, the wind blew
King Arthur off his feet.
'Oh no!' said his men. 'The King is no
match for the giant!'



Then the cut on the giant's forehead began to bleed. Blood went into his eyes so he could not see.

King Arthur thrust his sword into the giant's heart, and he fell.

BOOM!

CRASH!

King Arthur rescued Helena and took her back to the duke's castle. 'The giant is dead!' he said.

'Good always wins in the end,' said the duke. 'Long live Good King Arthur!'

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