7 Once upon a time...

How you start your story is very important. The first few lines are essential because they make the reader want to read on. This is known as a ‘hook’.

Start with...  
- time  
- a flashback  
- a question  
- describing a character  
- describing a setting  
- direct speech  
- the weather  
- a statement

Use the activity sheet to plan the perfect opening to your myth or legend.

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8 Let’s get planning!

The key to any great story is creating a story plan. This gives you the chance to get all your ideas down on paper and make changes, before you start writing.

Time to think about...  
- settings  
- characters  
- vocabulary  
- story opening  
- the ending  
- problems

Use the activity sheet to help you to plan your myth or legend.