

## Write An Animal Myth Or Legend

### Related educational topics or areas of focus

Planet OzKids activities relate to broad topics or areas of focus which are taught in schools and in home schooling worldwide, regardless of curriculum differences.

This activity relates to several topics including **English** (reading, comprehension, writing), **The Arts** (creating and making), and touches on an element of **History** (historical understandings).



### Type of task

Imagining, storytelling and writing.

### Age group for this activity

This Write An Animal Myth or Legend Activity is designed for Year/grade 3 - 4 students (age 9 - 10).

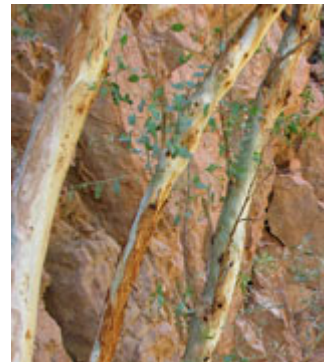
### Difference between myths and legends

Myths and legends are both made up stories.

Myths try to explain how our natural world works and how we should treat each other. Mostly they were written a long time ago.

Legends are about people and what they've done. The people lived in more recent times and are mentioned in history.

Legends are based on facts, but are not completely true. The purpose of them was to make something more interesting or to teach a lesson.



### Activity instructions

Children can be asked to:

1. Read more about the difference between myths and legends on Planet OzKids at:  
<http://www.planetozkids.com/oban/what-is-difference-between-myths-legends-fables-folk-tales.htm>
2. Read some of the myths and legends retold by Oban, Agor and Sanjit on Planet OzKids, under Legends List at:  
<http://www.planetozkids.com/oban/legends.htm>
3. Create your own fictional myth or legend about this animal. For example – if you like sheep:
  - Myth – how the sheep got its woolen coat
  - Myth - why the sheep has a woolen coat
  - Legend – how Captain Cook brought the first sheep to New Zealand in 1773 (true) and won a sheep shearing contest (not true, but it that makes the history more interesting).
4. Share your myth or legend with your class and listen to what other people have created.



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