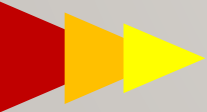


ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TOPIC: INTRODUCTION TO MYTHS AND LEGENDS

CLASS: JSS 1



PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson, you should be able to;

- Identify the features of myths and legends;
- Explain the themes of myths and legends;
- Retell myths and legends;

- Identify the moral lessons to be learnt from myths and legends;
and
- Narrate any myth and legend.

MYTHS

Myths is a symbolic narrative, usually of unknown origin and partly traditional, that evidently relate actual events and that especially associated with religious beliefs.



Myth is a kind of story that may not be true but people believe it is true. A myth is an ancient story that is invented to explain the beliefs, philosophies, sciences, as well as natural or historical events.

FACTS ABOUT MYTHS

- Myth is a folklore genre consisting of narratives that play a fundamental role in a social, such as a foundational tale of the origin of earth;
- It was through myth that our forefathers explained their beliefs in the existence of God, creation, life, death and many other beliefs;

- The main characters in myths are usually non-humans such as gods, demigods and some other supernatural figures;
- Myths have no historical basis and set the world of remote past;
- Myths are often endorsed by traditional rulers, priests, priestesses and those that are closely linked to religion or spirituality.

- Myths possess events that bend or break natural laws, which are often done to magnify the super-naturalness of the mythical world;
- The event of a myth may take place between a supernatural world and our present day world;
- They have sense of mystery or the unknown;
- There are African and Non-African myths.

EXAMPLES OF MYTHS

1. Yoruba creation myth
2. The Yoruba myth of the children of the sun and the moon
3. Akan myth of an Anansi in Ghana
4. Serer creation myth in Senegal
5. Ogbanje myth in Eastern Nigeria
6. Fulani creation story

LEGENDS

A legend is a very old and popular story that may be true which show a brave act of a hero or heroine.

A non-historical or unverifiable story hand down by tradition from earlier times and popularly accepted as historical. Legend is a collection of stories about admirable person, that has brought liberation, freedom or become a positive model in the society.

MORE FACTS ON LEGENDS

- Legend is a folklore;
- Legend is a well known story often about brave people, adventures or magical events;
- The characters may be human or non-human objects such as streams, hills, rock and trees;

- The character must have played an historic role on earth.
- Some legends are sometimes worshipped as gods;
- It is restricted to a set of people with the same culture.

THEMES IN LEGENDS

1. Betrayal
2. Revenge
3. Poverty
4. Family
5. Patriotism

6. Lies and deceit

7. Mortality

8. Choices

9. Human weakness

10. Will of the Gods

FEATURES OF MYTHS AND LEGENDS

Myths are magical: Myths can be exiting and enjoyable in strange ways. The characters may have special powers that make them do the impossible.

Myths are supernatural: Myths are impossible to explain by natural causes. They seem to involve the powers of gods or magic.

Myths are superstitious: Some myth are based on superstition.

Anything superstitious is not based on specific knowledge or human reasons. It is based on old ideas of magic.

LESSON FROM MYTHS AND LEGENDS

1. Honour for the gods;
2. Learn to put away pride;
3. Karma: That is every action will be repaid;
4. Patriotism;

5. Respect for one's culture and bid to preserve them;
6. Control of emotions and anger;
7. Learn to work on one's weaknesses.

EVALUATION

1. Write five differences between myths and legends.
2. Ask your parents or guardian to tell you a myth in your culture and write it down in your book.
3. Write any legendary story you have been told before.



THANKS FOR
WATCHING!!!