

### Article of the Week

- a) Read and annotate the reading selection: *Myths and Legends*
  - i) Box in the title and paragraphs.
  - ii) Number the paragraphs
  - iii) Circle and redefine words that could be troublesome for students
  - iv) Write a thoughtful question you still have beside each paragraph. The question needs to be related to the paragraph.
- b) Highlight the main idea sentence, and underline supporting details.
- c) Answer the comprehension questions.

### ***Myths and Legends***

- (1) Record the dictionary definition for the following words:
  - (a) Genre:
  - (b) Myth:
  - (c) Legend:
  - (d) Fairy tales:
  - (e) Folk tales:
  - (f) Fiction:
  - (g) Nonfiction:
- (2) After reading paragraph 2, the reader may predict that the article is about
  - (a) Fairy tales
  - (b) Folk tales
  - (c) Legends
  - (d) Myths
- (3) What type of stories are closely related to myths, but they are about people who may have lived once?
  - (a) Fairy tales
  - (b) Folk tales
  - (c) Legends
  - (d) Myths
- (4) There is a signal word in paragraph 5 that tells us the author's purpose is to compare myths and legends. What one word in paragraph 5 helps us to know that the author is telling us that myths and legends are different?
  - (a) Deal
  - (b) Whereas
  - (c) Cope
  - (d) Hope

## Writing Assignment

Read the legend *John Henry*, and then read the myth *The Spider's Eyes*. Write an essay using the following format:

1) Paragraph One

- a) Explain what a myth is
- b) Explain what a legend is
- c) Explain how they are similar
- d) Explain how they are different

2) Paragraph two: Summarize *John Henry*

- a) Who
- b) What
- c) When
- d) Where
- e) What lesson was taught in the passage?

2) Paragraph three: Summarize *The Spider's Eyes*

- a) Who
- b) What
- c) When
- d) Where
- e) What lesson was taught in the passage?

3) Paragraph four:

- a) Explain how those stories were examples of a myth and a legend.
- b) How are myths and legends different
- c) How are myths and legends similar?
  - i) Example: did each story teach a lesson?