

Guided Reading



Questions based on *The Water of Life*.

Link to story on the school website.

Task one:

Prediction. What do you think *The Water of Life* is going to be about? Write a summary of what you think will happen in the story - what is the water of life? Where might you find it? What is it used for and by whom?

Task two:

Read the story! Make a note of any words you don't understand and find the meanings, either on the internet, using a dictionary or by asking an adult.

Task three:

Answer the following questions:

What do you think the main message of the story is?

Does the story have a moral?

Why did the two older brothers want to find the water?

Why did the youngest brother want to find the water?

Task four:

What do you know about the character of the older princes?

Compare this to the character of the youngest prince.

Write their characteristics into the box.

Youngest prince	Older princes

Now write your ideas into a short paragraph (a few sentences) comparing the characters.

Use this table to help you.

Point (write what you think)	
Evidence (quote from the text)	
Explanation (explain what your quote means.)	

I think that the older brothers are...

I believe that the younger brother is...

Challenge conjunctions for comparing: however, although, whereas, on the other hand, even though

Task five:

Reading for pleasure! Choose a book you have at home, or another one of the stories on the website, to read.