

Saint George and the Dragon - lesson plan

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The Legend of Saint George who killed the Dragon

Lead-Up activity

Ask Ss if they have ever heard about Saint George: who was he? Was he real? What did he accomplish? Where did it take place? Do they know the legend? if so, let them present it in a few sentences in L1 or L2 depending on their language level.

Task one - vocabulary

Weaker Ss: use the chart from British Council (appendix 1).

Stronger Ss: Ask them to work in groups of 3-4 and prepare a list of vocabulary that usually appears in legends. A mind map preferably.

Task two - the Film

Watch the video and ask Ss to retell the story. Pause if necessary.

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Task three - the Legend

Weaker Ss: ask Ss to do the task from Appendix 2, where they are asked to put the events in order. Afterwards ask them a few questions to check if they are familiar with the plot.

Stronger Ss: use the worksheet with the legend from Scholastic (Appendix 3). Ask Ss to read it and focus on the key vocabulary.

Ask them to answer the questions concerning the Legend (Appendix 5)

Task four - Follow-Up

There is a variety of possibilities to make use of. On the Internet you will find dozens of ready-to-use materials that are available within Creative Commons licence.

Stronger Students:

- Write a poem about a dragon (Appendix 4)
- Write a legend of Saint George (Appendix 6)
- Write a newspaper article about the event (Appendix 7)
- Watch a set of paintings presenting St George and describe your favourite one justifying your opinion. (Appendix 8)

Weaker Students:

- Write a poem about a dragon (Appendix 4)
- Write a legend of Saint George (Appendix 6)
- Act the legend
- Present any other legend of a dragon OR a patron of your country
- Make a film poster about the Legend