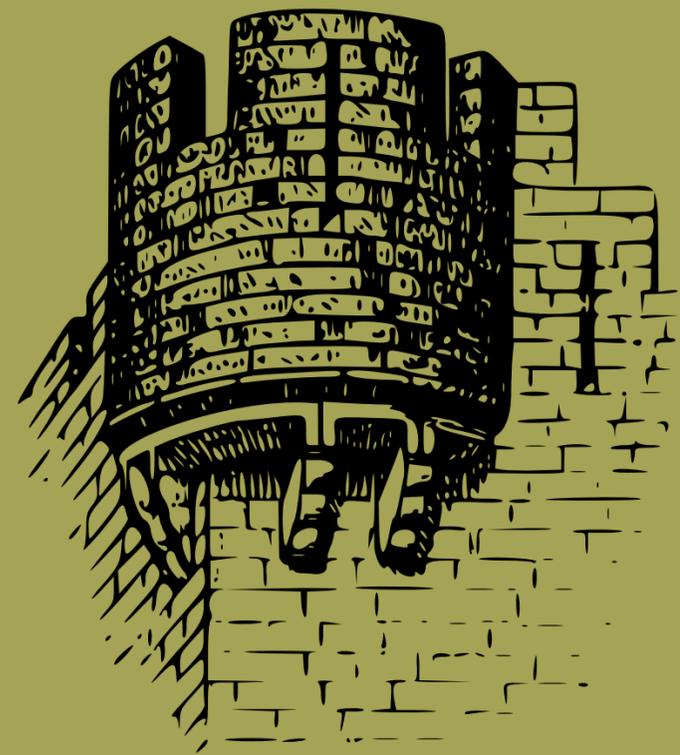
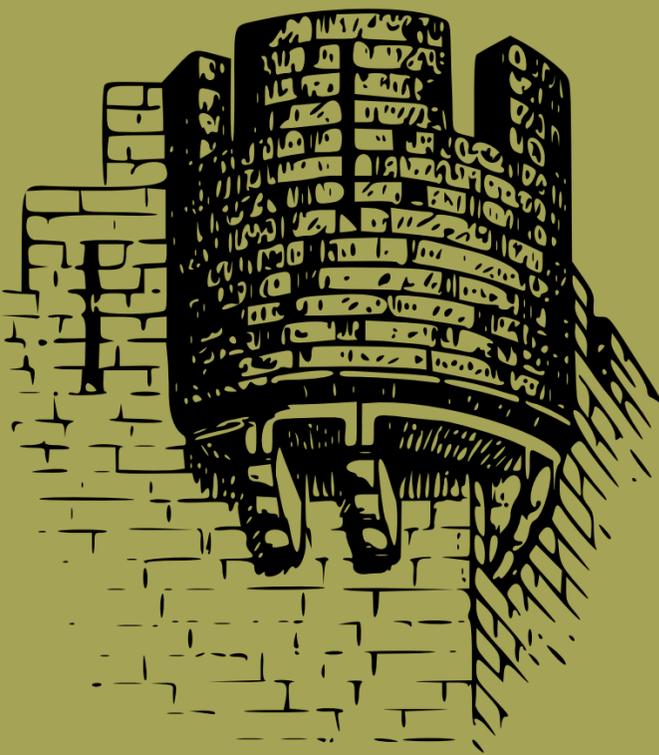
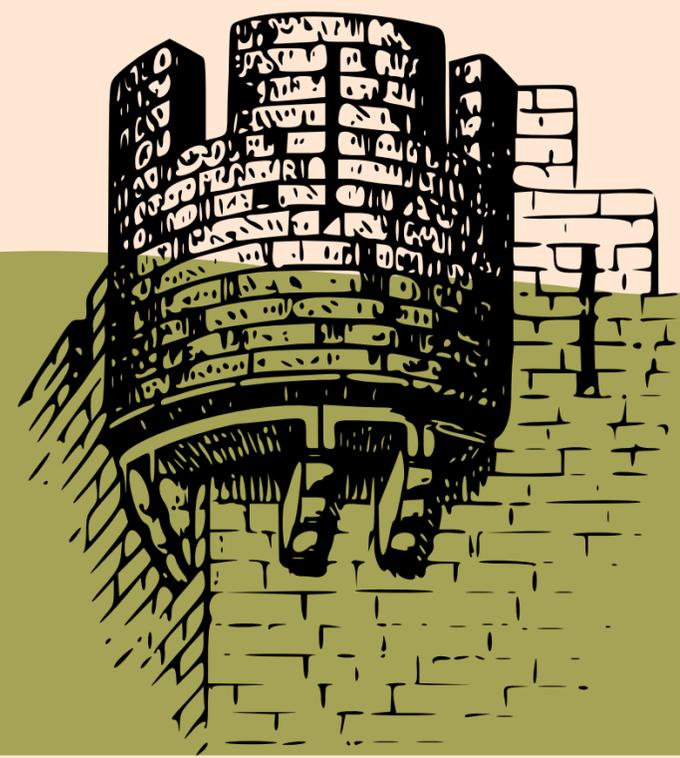
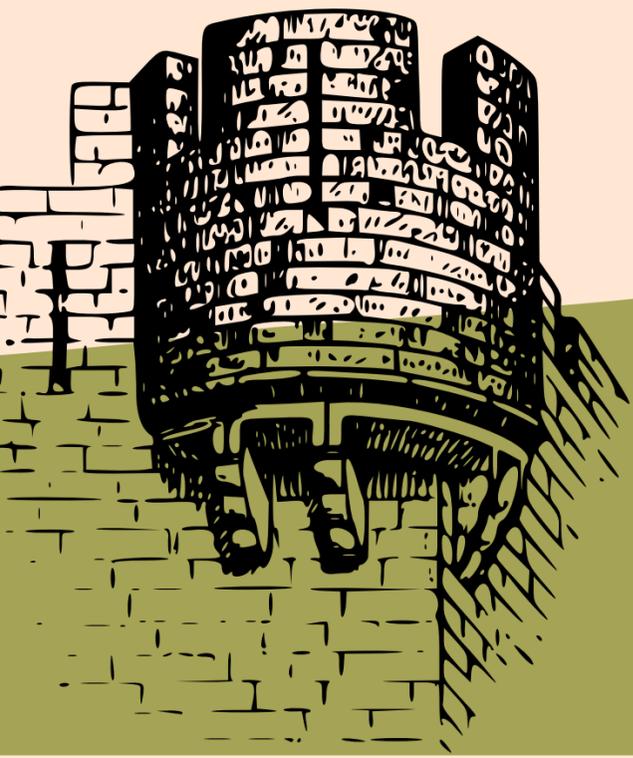


Meet

MYTHFLIX



You are about to meet a
character from history



His name is Mythflix and he is a poet.

Six hundred years ago, poets were very important people, with a lot of different jobs to do. They entertained their audiences by telling them stories—stories that told the history of their people.

At a time when most people could not read or write, the poets made sure that history was not forgotten. Poets would also compose and perform music—and they were often said to be magicians who might even foretell the future.



Mythfrix and his people are Celts. For years the Celtic people ruled most of Europe from Ireland to Poland, Holland to Turkey. Then, in Britain, a series of invasions brought new people. Romans, Saxons, Vikings and the Normans all came in their turn. Many Celts mixed with the invaders while others were pushed west into Wales, Cornwall, the Western Isles of Scotland and Ireland. It was in these places that the ancient language of the Celts survived.

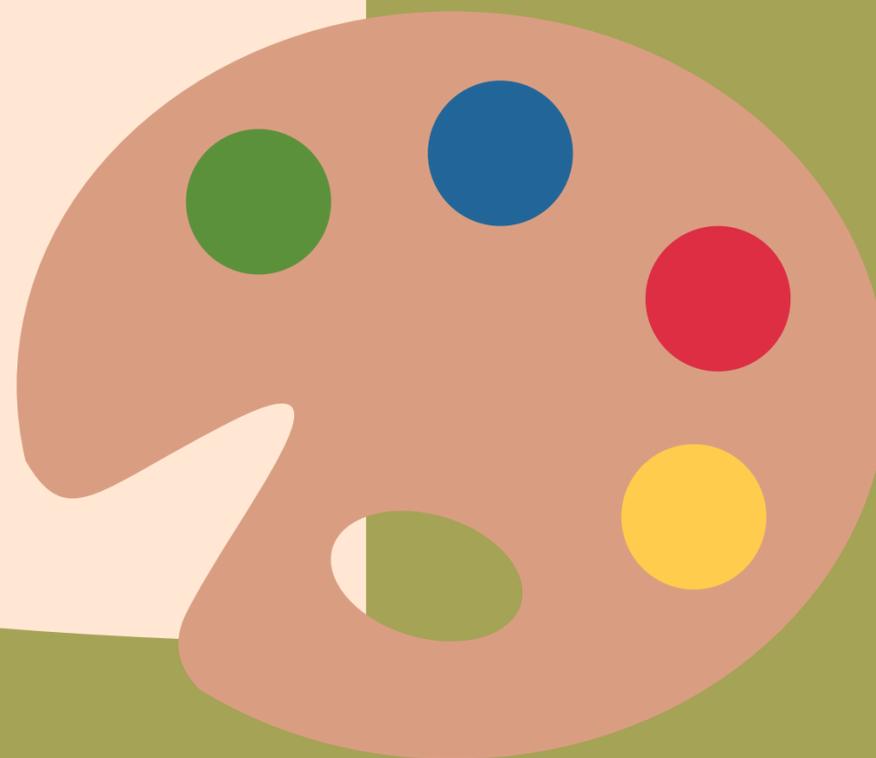


Mythflix talks about the stories collected together in a book called the Mabinogion. Although the stories are ancient, the book wasn't published until the 19th century. The stories had been passed down from poet to poet—each one committing them to memory and it was only years later that they began to be written down. In the 1820s, nine of these stories were collected together to make the Mabinogion.





Activity Time



Invent a story!

Mythflix talks about the Mabinogion. This collection of ancient stories includes tales of giants, fighting dragons, friendly lions, falling in love and much more.

Many of the characters in the stories are like early versions of super-heroes with special powers that can be used to save people who are in danger—or to put people in danger. Some can hear every noise that is made, others can perform magic or even turn themselves into an animal.



Some are on a quest to find something or someone that seems impossible. Read about the Mabinogion and think about the characters you might put into your own story. Then write your own, tenth story of the Mabinogion!

Tell Your Story!

1

Poets like Mythflix told stories to people who could not read them for themselves. Without the poets, the stories of the Mabinogion and hundreds of other legends would have been forgotten centuries ago and it was only by passing on the stories from person to person that we have them today.

2

The story that you have written can now be passed on. Make sure you can remember what happens in your story and tell it to your friends. Afterwards, see if they can remember it. Take it in turns to tell your stories.



3

Poets like Mythflix often used music to make their tales even more dramatic! Use music in the gaps between the different parts of your story or have it playing gently while you speak. Think of the sorts of instruments that you can play while telling your tale.



Curriculum



Language, literacy and communication.

- * Languages connect us.
- * Understanding language is key to understanding the world around us.
- * Expressing ourselves through language is key to communication.
- * Literacy fires imagination and inspires creativity.

Expressive Arts



- *Creating combines skills and knowledge, drawing on the senses, inspiration and imagination.