Welcome to AHS English!

Hello, and welcome to Year 7 English! When you join us in September, we'll start by reading a fantasy book together.

To get you thinking about this genre, this booklet will guide you through creating a magical world, exciting adventures, and fantasy fun!

What is fantasy?

Fantasy stories often include:

- Magical worlds
- Mythical creatures
- Heroes on quests
- Good vs. evil conflicts

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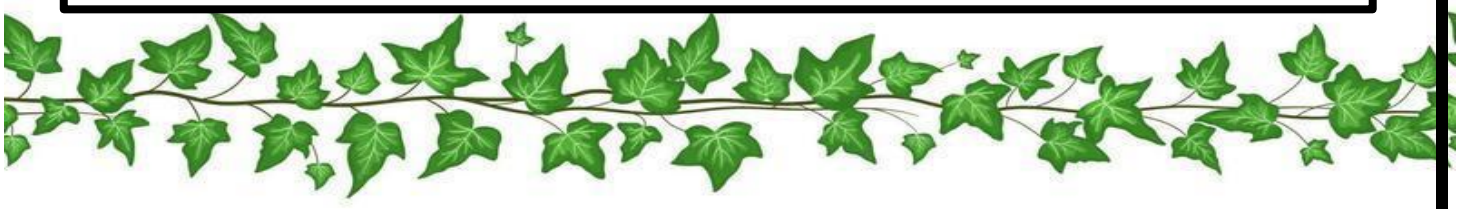
TASK: Find the words associated with the fantasy genre.

DRAGON	MAGIC
WIZARD	MONSTER
SPELL	KINGDOM
CASTLE	SWORD
QUEST	ELF

Fantasy Settings

Fantasy settings can be anywhere: enchanted forests, castles, secret islands, or magical cities. The setting makes your story feel alive.

TASK – Describe your own fantasy setting. Write a few sentences – or bullet points – and think about what you imagine your fantasy setting to be like. Consider sights, sounds and smells. Think about the weather and atmosphere. What details could make your fantasy setting unique and original?



TASK – Draw a key place in your fantasy setting or create a map of the whole area.

Fantasy Characters

Key features of fantasy characters include having magical abilities like spells or enchanted objects, and fantastical traits such as being mythical creatures (elves, dragons) or having extraordinary qualities. Characters, human or not, also often possess strong personality traits like kindness or inner strength, have a unique backstory, and are involved in a dangerous quest within the fantasy world setting.

TASK: Draw and label your own fantasy character below – this should be the hero of your story

Fantasy Creatures

Fantasy creatures are mythical beings from folklore, legends, and stories that do not exist in the real world, such as dragons, unicorns, mermaids, and centaurs. These creatures often combine animal and human characteristics (like the minotaur), possess supernatural abilities (such as the fire-breathing phoenix or the gaze of a basilisk), or embody specific cultural ideas, with different cultures having their own unique sets of mythical beings.

TASK: Research a mythical creature and create a fact file and illustration of it below. Or research a mythical creature and create your own inspired by it. You should include a drawing and some facts about it.

Fantasy Plot

TASK: Complete the mind map to plan out your ideas for a fantasy story.

What do we need to know about your character?

How is your character

Where does the story start?

What problem do they need to

My Fantasy Story

Will everything go back to normal?

Do they have a villain to beat?

Will they succeed? How?

What will they need to do on their quest?

Will anyone help them?

Is your story inspired by another myth or legend?

Fantasy Plot

TASK: Draw out the summary of your plot in a comic strip. Include a picture in the top boxes and a caption in the smaller boxes underneath.

Fantasy Plot

TASK – Write the opening section of your fantasy story. This is likely to be the hook where you set the scene and atmosphere and help the reader to imagine the fantasy land where your story is set. You might also start to introduce your character into this place too!

You could try and include these features of effective creative writing:			
Sensory language		Adverbs and adjectives	
Similes		WOW words (impressive or ambitious ones)	
metaphors		Short sentence to add tension	
Imagery (natural, colour, light)		A small amount of dialogue (speech)	
personification		Varied punctuation	

Fantasy Reading

Here's a list of fantasy books you might enjoy!

- *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* by Rick Riordan
- Momo Arashima Steals the Sword of the Wind by Misa Sugiura
- Redwall by Brian Jacques
- The Midnighters by Hana Tooke
- *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis
- *The Nevermoor Series* by Jessica Townsend
- Brother Wulf by Joseph Delaney
- *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell
- The Crooked Sixpence by Jennifer Bell
- *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by J.K. Rowling
- *The Spiderwick Chronicles* by Holly Black & Tony DiTerlizzi

Ask an adult to check the reading ages of these books at home so that you can choose something that suits you best. You can do this by searching for the title and reading age using any search engine.

To return your work:

- Post it back to school and ensure it says C/O Mrs Holmes (English) in the address
- Bring your pack back in September and hand it in to your English teacher.
- Email it to mholmes@ahs.pmat.academy

There are lots of merits available for awesome work!

See you in September!