



HT1:  
MYTHS &  
LEGENDS

# Y7 HT2: A MONSTER CALLS



HT3:  
THE  
GOTHIC

## BIG QUESTIONS

Why do people tell stories?  
How can we overcome suffering?



Why are stories so powerful?  
What is ambiguity?

### THE BIGGER PICTURE

- A Monster Calls is a story about love, loss and hope from the twice Carnegie Medal-winning Patrick Ness.
- Set in present-day England, it features a boy who struggles to cope with the consequences of his mother's illness.
- Author Patrick Ness wrote the novel based on an idea by author Siobhan Dowd.
- Dowd was terminally ill with cancer when she came up with the idea for the story and died before she could write it.
- The monster in the novel claims to be a version of The Green Man.
- The Green man is a legendary being primarily interpreted as a symbol of rebirth, representing the cycle of new growth that occurs every spring.

### TIER 2 VOCABULARY

- love
- death
- separation
- blame
- selfishness
- fear
- tension
- youth
- exuberance
- spirited
- pummel
- vulnerable
- tendril
- overwhelm

### TIER 3 VOCABULARY

- protagonist
- antagonist
- connotation
- foreshadow
- anxiety
- chemotherapy
- crony
- sermon
- gnarled
- succumb
- apothecary
- remedy
- ailment
- enlighten

### ASSESSMENT:

Exploring how truthful a statement made by a teacher is in relation to a key part of the book in Chapters 23 and 24.

### CONSIDER:

- I agree that...
- The writer perhaps presents [character] as...to...
- This suggests...
- This implies...
- This emphasises...
- Overall, I believe that...
- The author may have...
- This statement...
- On the other hand...
- Alternatively, some may say that...
- One reading of this statement...