

## I. Definition of a Legend

A. A legend is a **semi-true story**, which has been passed on from person-to-person and has important meaning or symbolism for the culture in which it originates.

1. A legend usually includes an element of truth, or is based on historic facts, but with *mythical qualities*. (They often appear to be based on fact, but the facts are not provided to support the various claims.)

2. Legends usually involve heroic characters or fantastic places and often encompass the spiritual beliefs of the culture in which they originate.

3. Examples: King Arthur, Robin Hood, Blackbeard, The Fountain of Youth, Eldorado