

Year 5 Merlins

English

Autumn 2

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan.



The Tempest – William Shakespeare.

Playscripts

A playscript is a written down version of a play. It uses dialogue, stage directions and tells the actors how to say the lines.

Key features:

- A character list and description of each character.
- The scene number, title and setting description.
- The speaker's name, a colon, and dialogue **without** inverted commas.

Setting descriptions

A setting description is a description of the environment in which a story takes place. It includes the location, time, and weather. A well-described setting can make a story more interesting for readers.

Key features:

- Prepositions to help the reader visualise the scene
- Figurative language (similes, metaphors, alliteration, personification, onomatopoeia.)
- Varied sentence structures (fronted adverbials, short sentences, relative clauses.)
- Powerful adjectives and adverbs, including fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

Mythical narratives

A mythical narrative is a non-fiction story based on a myth or legend. They are sometimes associated with religious or spiritual beliefs.

Key features:

- An interesting main character, possibly a demi-god who believes they are human at the beginning of the story.
- A range of supporting characters.
- Powerful setting descriptions.
- An engaging storyline which will keep readers hooked.
- A quest, mission or end goal, usually to find an object or to defeat a villain.

	Key Vocabulary	Definition
Percy Jackson	adrenaline	A hormone which gets the body ready to fight or flee in a dangerous situation.
	ancient	Something which is incredibly old, or has existed for a very long time.
	hero/heroine (f)	A person who is brave or 'good' and is often looked up to by others.
	imposter	A person who cheats or tricks others by pretending to be something/someone else.
	mortal	Someone who will not live forever.
	Olympus	A place in Ancient Greece thought to be where the Gods lived (Mount Olympus).
	Poseidon	The God of The Sea in Greek mythology (known as Neptune in Roman mythology).
	vaporise	To turn someone or something into vapour (gas).
The Tempest	bedraggled	Dirty or wet from having been dragged through mud and water.
	Mariner	A sailor.
	perish	To die or be destroyed, not from natural causes (like old age).
	solemn	Serious or sad.
	thee / Thou	You – 'I love thee' or 'Thou are despised.'
	thy / thine	Your / yours – 'Thy skin is so pale' or 'I will be thine forever.'
	Tempest	A very strong wind, paired with rain, snow, hail or sleet.
torment	To cause someone to feel great pain or distress.	

Précis/ Summarising

A précis is a condensed version of a text, keeping the main points and order of the original.

Key features:

- Write in third person.
- Paraphrase, reflecting the author's ideas without copying.
- Keep the original text in its entirety.

Diary entry

A diary entry is a type of recount where the writer retells a series of events that they witnessed or were involved in.

Key features:

- Write in first person, using first person pronouns.
- Write using the past tense.
- Break your writing into paragraphs based on different events.
- Use an informal tone.