To plan and write the beginning of a myth

Over the last week, you have been slowly planning your own Greek myth with your own monster and hero. You have practised using speech punctuation as well as creating complex sentences that you can begin using today.

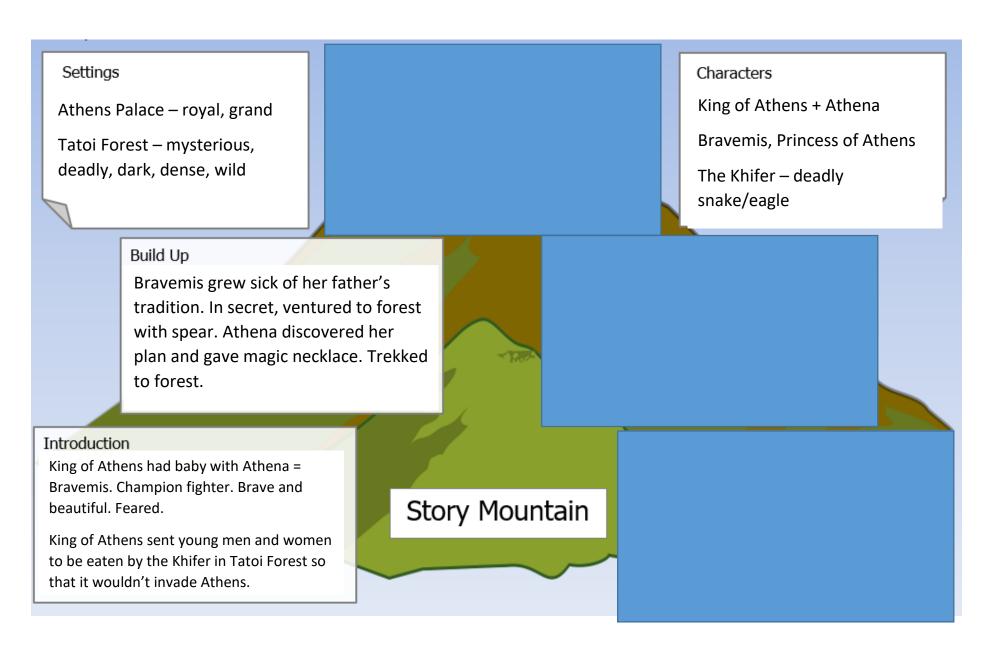
Today, you will plan the first part of your myth and write it. Use the story mountain on the third page to write key words and phrases for the beginning and build-up of your myth. Tomorrow, you will complete your plan and finish writing the myth.

On the next page is an example plan for the modelled writing below. Notice how we describe the setting, characters and use high-level vocabulary to keep the reader engaged.

Once, a long time ago, lived a handsome and powerful King of Athens. Athena, the goddess of wisdom and war, fell in love with the king and they had a baby named Bravemis. As Bravemis grew up, she inherited her father's good looks and her mother's wisdom and warcraft. Even though many Athenian men asked her father for her hand in marriage, Bravemis always rejected their offers. The princess was too busy venturing out of Athens, exploring the wider world and honing her spear-fighting skills.

Throughout Bravemis's childhood, she heard of an old and terrible tradition. In Tatoi Forest, on the outskirts of Athens, lived a deadly monster named the Khifer. The Khifer was feared by all Athenians because it devoured unsuspecting humans with its sharp eagle beak after strangling them with its long, lethal python body. Unfortunately, the King of Athens sent young men and women to be eaten by the Khifer so that it wouldn't destruct Athens and allow Sparta to invade. Wise Bravemis grew sick of this disgusting tradition and she knew she could no longer stand by and do nothing...

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