

Questions

1. Who is the text about and what nationality was he?

2. Which group of people was he prince of?

3. In the text, what are the sub-headings for?

4. Look at the poem in the text box; what are the unusual shaped brackets { } for? Where might you have seen them before?

5. Look at the poem in the text box. Can you find and record words which tell you when the monster arrived at the King's hall and when he returned to his lair?

6. Using clues from the text, what do you think the word 'banquet' and 'slumber' mean?

7. If the poem was not written down for many years, how did minstrels remember it? How much can you remember of the verse in the text box? Get a friend to test you.

8. How can historians tell us how old something is by looking at the writing?

Hint: think about the vocabulary that is written down?

9. From the poem in the text box, find and record examples of words that tell you the order of some of the events.

10. How do you think that historians knew that two people wrote the poem down?

11. Find and copy part of the text that interests you. Explain why you chose that part.
