Hybrid Texts: A Report On Dragons

This is a speech written by student Amy to present to her teacher and class on the subject of dragons.

Introduction

Good morning Mrs Thomas* and 5T. I am here to talk about different types of dragons, where they live and what they eat. Then I will give my opinion on where the myths of dragons came from. Dragons are mythical creatures that are commonly used in European and Asian legends. European dragons are usually said to be evil and kill flocks of sheep and lots of people. Where as Asian dragons are said to bring good luck and give people valuable advice.

Dragon’s eating habits

Dragons will eat any type of meat except another dragon. European dragons usually eat: fish, deer and sheep. Asian dragons will usually eat: pork, fish, grains and leafy salads. It’s funny how there are two creatures of exactly the same species with two almost completely different diets!

Dragon’s habitats

A dragon’s habitat depends entirely on what type of a dragon it is. For example, a frost dragon’s habitat would be very different from a smoke dragon’s. European smoke dragons usually live in caves, at the base of mountains. Where as the frost dragons live in smaller caves at the top of a mountain. Another example of that would be the fire dragon and the ice dragon. The ice dragon is said to live outside, near a lake. Yet the fire dragon is said to live near a volcano or in a rocky cliff kind of terrain.

Appearance and bone structure

The appearance of an Asian dragon is: they have long whisker-like things sticking out of their cheeks, they are long and colourful, they usually have big smiles on their face and they have short, thin heads. The Appearance of a European dragon is: they are very tall, they are usually one colour and they have huge white fangs that protrude out of them.

My opinion

In my opinion, a dragon’s skeleton is actually what the myth of dragons started with. It started quite a while ago when people where mining (I don’t know what for) and they struck a large tooth like this. (points to page in book) Soon after that people were telling stories of huge beasts with giant fangs that breathe fire. Of course the large tooth they found was actually a dinosaur’s tooth and so the legends were born. As you can see, this is a picture of a dinosaur and this is a dragon's skeleton. The dragon's skeleton
is a lot like a dinosaur’s skeleton in many ways. The first, is that the jaw is the same, the second is that the legs bend in the same way, the third is that they both have similar claws, spines and tails and the last is that they both have almost exactly the same rib cages. So as you can see, this dragon’s skeleton could just as easily be a dinosaur’s.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion, the myths of dragons are very interesting and fascinating. Thank you for listening to my talk.

* The teacher’s name is fictitious.

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