

PBS Lesson Series

ELA, Grade 4, Lesson 16
Teacher Packet

A legend usually:

- Focuses on heroic individuals or fantastic creatures
- Describes an exciting adventure
- May have some basis in historical fact
- Includes some supernatural events

Polar Sea Map



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L16-B



L16-C

Guided Practice

“The Legend of Keesh” is about a thirteen year old boy named Keesh who lives in a village on the rim of the Polar Sea. When he and his mother were neglected by the village after his father’s death, Keesh spoke to the village council. As he spoke the elders and onlookers jeered at Keesh. Keesh had chosen to speak to the council because_____.

Independent Practice

Task: Write a summary paragraph explaining the opening section of the Skinner’s adaptation of “The Legend of Keesh”. As you write, think about how to incorporate the details from the chart. Also, be sure to include why Keesh chose to speak to the council, specific examples from the text, an introduction, and a conclusion. Finally, be sure to think about how you will link your thoughts together.

Creative assignment: Draw Keesh speaking to the council in the chief’s big igloo. Use details from the story to guide your illustration.