

Please read the story below. Then proof-read the text and use a coloured pen to check for spelling and punctuation errors.

The Dragon of the Golden Fleece

The young Greek hero Jason was determined to regain the throne of Iolcus, a city in northern Greece, where his father had been overthrown by his brother Pelias. Pelias told Jason that he would hand the throne to him if Jason could obtain the Golden Fleece. Interestingly, the Golden Fleece was the pelt of a golden ram kept as a treasure by King Aetes of Colchis. The fleece was guarded by a terrible, ferocious dragon that never slept. Pelias was sure that Jason would never return!

Jason assembled a group of heroes to help him. They sailed off in a ship called the Argo and, after many adventures, they arrived at Colchis. There, King Aetes agreed to let Jason attempt to take the fleece on condition that he performed a dangerous task that included yoking two fire-breathing bulls and ploughing a field with them. The king's daughter, a sorceress named Medea, had fallen in love with Jason, and gave him a magic potion that helped the hero to carry out this challenge successfully.



Next, accompanied by Medea, Jason set off to fetch the Golden Fleece, which hung from the branch of an oak tree in a sacred grove. As he approached the tree, Jason could see the serpent-like dragon wrapped round it. The beast's terrifying eyes were wide open, and its spine-chilling hiss echoed around the groves and riverbanks. Instead of attacking



the dragon with his sword, Jason took Medea's advice and relied on a magic sleeping potion that she managed to sprinkle and smear over the creature. Soon, the dragon fell into a deep sleep, and Jason was able to snatch the fleece away from the tree before making his way back to the Argo.

