

The Legend of The Three Brothers

A legend is a story from the past, passed on orally from generation to generation. Some legends began as historical facts and were the means by which pre-literate man recorded the history of his nation. Legends were meant to teach a moral lesson.

Over the years legends changed. They were exaggerated upon by each story teller, modified by current beliefs and continually shaped and tested by popular approval, until they reflected the true collective spirit of the people who cherished them.

Comprehension/Discussion Questions:

- What are the names of the three brothers?
- Who is the leader?
- Why did they have to look for other lands?
- Why did Lech stop by the hill?
- Where did Lech decide to stop with his people?
- What did Lech see from the eagle's nest?
- Why did he choose the white eagle as their emblem?
- What does the emblem look like? (white with open wings on a red background)

Additional Activities:

- Polish words: How many can you find in the story?
- Retell the story!
- White Eagle puzzle page (color the background red)
- Lech and the Eagle, coloring page