

Bronze ANSWERS

The Dragon-Kings: A Chinese Myth **Answers**

1. Find and copy an adjective used to describe the dragon-kings' armour.

Accept: glowing; yellow

2. Which two things do dragon-kings feed on?

Accept: pearls; opals

3. Do you think dragon-kings are loved or feared? Explain your choice.

Accept either answer providing that an explanation is given, e.g. 'I think they are feared because they are armed with sharp claws.'

4. Give one way in which the dragon-kings are similar to another creature you know.

Accept answers which compare any aspect of the dragon-kings to another real or mythical creature, e.g. 'The dragon-kings are like a werewolf because they have sharp claws and hairy legs.'

The Legend of The Chinese Giants

12 In the Country of the Giants, the people are fifty feet in
22 height and their footprints are six feet in length. Their
33 teeth are like those of a saw and their fingernails are
43 hooked claws. Their eyebrows are of such length as to
54 protrude from the front of the carts in which they ride
63 and their bodies are covered with long black hair
73 resembling that of the bear. They live to the advanced
81 age of eighteen thousand years. Their country extends
89 some thousands of miles along certain mountain ranges
98 in north-eastern Asia. They have strong iron gates, easy
107 to close but difficult to open; hence, though their
115 neighbours maintain large armies, they have so far
118 never been conquered.



Answers



1. Where is the country of the Giants?
Accept: (mountain ranges of) north-eastern Asia.



2. Find a word which means the same as 'to stick out'.
protrude



3. How does the author make it clear that the giants live for a long time?
Accept an explanation that it tells us they live to the 'advanced' age of eighteen thousand years.



4. Will the giants ever be defeated? Why do you think this?
Accept 'yes' or 'no' as an answer provided that a relevant explanation is also given, such as: No because the armies cannot open the gates to where they live so they will stay safe.