

PBS Lesson Series

ELA, Grade 4, Lesson 18  
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

**When Keesh's father was killed while hunting to save the village from starvation, the villagers soon forgot him. They neglected Keesh and his widowed mother, Ikeega, who shared a small igloo together. This all changed when Keesh turned thirteen. Because his father's blood ran in his veins, Keesh was bright, healthy, and strong. When the village council met in the big igloo of Chief Klash-Kwan, Keesh, despite his youth, spoke up.**

***The elders and onlookers jeered at the young boy; how dare one so young speak out in the council? Despite them, Keesh continued, “You speak for your wives and mothers. So, I speak for my mother, Ikeega, who should have her fair share of meat. All we get is gristly meat that’s full of bones.”***

***The anger of the men boiled. Keesh was ordered to leave the council with no dinner and was promised a beating. Keesh’s blood pounded in his head and his eyes flashed. “Take this, you men, as my last word. My father, Bok, was a great hunter. When he was alive, he made certain that no widow or child ever cried at night because there was no meat. Today, many go hungry while you, the strong men of the village, stuff yourselves with the best meat.”***

***“When my father hunted, he brought home more meat than any of the two best hunters combined,” Keesh explained, “With his own hands he divided the meat, and with his own eyes he saw to it that the neediest of the village received their fair share.”***

***The next day, Keesh was seen leaving the village with his father's enormous hunting-spear and bow, and an ample supply of bone-barbed arrows. The villagers whispered to one another—it was unprecedented that a young boy should go hunting alone!***



***The council was satisfied and amazed by Keesh's story. And this is how Keesh rose from being an insignificant boy to becoming the head man of the village, and long as he lived, no one cried at night because there was no meat.***

# Guided Practice

*In the text “The Legend of Keesh”, the author uses the character’s words and actions to describe Keesh, the protagonist, as brave, intelligent, and generous. It can be inferred that Keesh is brave through his actions and words. Keesh hunting the bear, even though he is young, is an action that proves Keesh to be brave. Also, Keesh speaking to the council is another example of bravery.*

# Independent Practice

**Task:** Using the chart about Keesh, what character traits does the author convey through Keesh's words and actions? Write a paragraph to explain how the words and actions of Keesh can be used to infer his character traits. Use key details from the text to support your answer. Also, don't forget to:

- Introduce your topic
- Group the traits together
- Use details to support the trait
- Provide a conclusion
- Link your thoughts together
- Use precise language
- Use correct grammar punctuation

**Creative assignment:** Draw how you imagine Keesh.