

Guided reading

Monday 8th

Medea gave Jason a bottle. "Spread this potion on your armour and it will protect you from harm," she explained.

The next day, everyone gathered to watch Jason attempt the impossible task. Protected by Medea's potion, however, Jason was able to approach the fire-breathing bulls without being burned, harness them, and plough the field. Next he sprinkled the dragon's teeth on the upturned soil. Suddenly, where the teeth had fallen, soldiers sprung from the ground!

Jason had to think-and act-quickly. He spotted a rock on the ground and flung into the middle of the armed men. It hit one of the soldiers on the back. The soldier spun around, glared at his neighbour, and drew his sword. Confused, the men attacked each other and soon a huge fight broke out. Jason was able to cut down the remaining soldiers easily.

Aeetes was furious, "You must have cheated!" he said.

"If you want the fleece, go and get it. It is guarded by a dragon at the edge of my kingdom. Let's see you get pass that."

What is going to happen next?

Tuesday 9th

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Medea went with Jason to the cliffs where the dragon dwelled. Once again she brought a potion. She crept up to the dragon and sprayed the liquid into its eyes, sending the monster into a deep sleep.

Jason sneaked behind the snoring dragon and grabbed the golden fleece from the tree on which it hung.

Together, he and Medea ran to the shore where Jason's men were waiting. They boarded the ship and the crew set sail without delay.

After many months at sea, Jason and his new wife arrived back in Iolcus. Jason had been gone so long, however, that everyone had assumed he was dead, and his heartbroken parents had passed away. The elderly King Pelias was happy, though, as he thought he was safe.

When Jason went to give the fleece to Pelias, the king was disappointed to see him, but he accepted it gladly. He didn't even mention Jason's parents. Jason was enraged. He went to Medea and together they hatched a plot of revenge.