

GUPPY SCHOOL: Author Events with THE BROTHERS MCLEOD

Illustrator Greg and Author Myles McLeod are known as The Brothers McLeod. They are the creators of middle grade fiction series *Knight Sir Louis*.

They run a BAFTA winning animation company and have worked with Disney, DreamWorks, Aardman, the Royal Shakespeare Company and many more. Myles has written over 100 episodes of children's TV including Hey Duggee and Clangers. He is also a published children's poet. Greg has produced animation for comedians Adam Buxton, Stewart Lee, Sara Pascoe and Hollywood director Edgar Wright.



Illustrator Greg (l) and Author Myles (r)

Myles and Greg have taught and talked at a variety of institutions and events: Annecy Film Festival, TUMO Armenia, The Animation Workshop in Denmark, La Poudriere animation school in France, Also Festival, as well as universities and schools. They have acted as BAFTA judges and in addition to their BAFTA Children's Award have been twice nominated for a BAFTA Film Award for Best British Short Animation.

During his two-week workshop the students, with Myles's help, came up with the finalized writings and even an outline for a pilot episode of their imagined TV show. Their work showed great work and passion. They learned how to brainstorm ideas and turn them into a working concept. The knowledge that the students gained from his workshop were invaluable. We would love to welcome Myles again to TUMO Center for Creative Technologies.

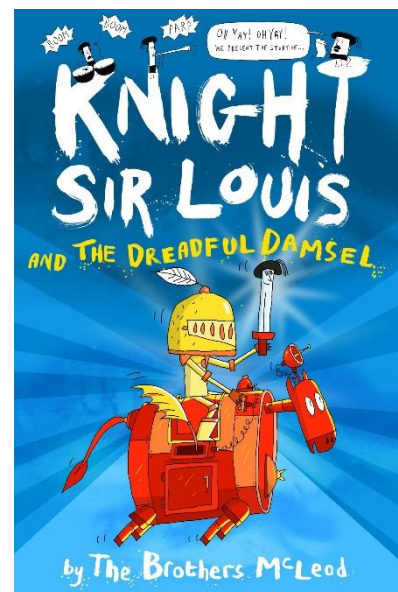
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ABOUT OUR EVENTS

We are happy to offer online and in-person events. Our workshop can be tailored to either scenario. We have successfully run this workshop for schools during lockdown and at a socially distanced live event at the Also Festival 2020. Our online school events were delivered in two different ways... one school preferred 3 x half hour sessions to individual classes. Another school preferred one hour-long session for all relevant classes at the same time. We have used Zoom, Microsoft Teams and Google Hangouts.

“CREATE YOUR OWN KNIGHT’S TALE”

- READING OF CHAPTER SIX
 - o Myles reads a short introductory chapter from the book
- DRAW-ALONG WITH GREG



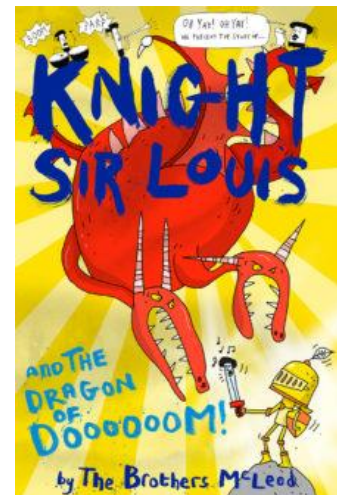
- Greg shows how he draws Louis
- CREATE A QUICK HERO
 - Answer our simple questions and create your own knight or wizard like our characters Knight Sir Louis / Knight Sir Daisy / Wizard Mysto / Wizard Pearlin
 - Now draw them!
- THE PRECIOUS OBJECT!
 - King Arthur had a holy grail. What will you have?
- A STORY IN SIX PANELS
 - The Brothers McLeod show you how to write a story in six panels.
 - Six panel download: <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/6-box-story-board-comic-strip-6378754>
- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Timings

This workshop can be tailored to half hour or one-hour sessions.

Curriculum points

Knight Sir Louis is written with a number of different literary devices, including: poetry, script, storyboard, newspaper, diary, police report, recipe, instruction manual, song lyrics, flashback, gothic style, folk tale, and more. <https://bit.ly/3pMUxwv>



RESOURCES

Knight Sir Louis Schools Support Document: <https://bit.ly/3pMUxwv>

Facebook Page <https://facebook.com/knightsirlouis>

Readings by the Author

Chapter One: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0e2y0Uz8mQ>

Chapter Six: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdPgZT2a5rE>

Videos by the Author and Illustrator

Playlist: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2JOUykp4_rgBn3CGu8msXar_Bv0pjinwx

Haiku Workshop: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrZ9WsAkVuQ>

Inspirations for the book: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdtY2yIPLKU>



Rewriting the book: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDhsjcm2E90>

Illustration Workshop: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VxmFywdPIY>

Animated book introduction: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfZF7a5vhqs>

Animated character intros: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6NA9IBd0qoA>

Funkids interview <https://www.funkidslive.com/on-air/interview-the-brothers-mcleod-chat-about-knight-sir-louis-and-the-dreadful-damsel/>

Knight Sir Louis link tree: <https://linktr.ee/knightsirlouis>

FAQ

Is there any recommended preparation for the sessions?

For the hour-long sessions, please download the six panel storyboard template.

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/6-box-story-board-comic-strip-6378754>

What materials, if any, do the students need for the session?

Paper, pens or pencils

Do I need to have books on sale at the sessions?

Yes please. Sales can be arranged through your local independent bookshop.

Are you happy to sign and send book plates for books sold?

Yes.

BOOKING

To discuss fees and booking a session please contact: webcontact@bromc.co.uk

