**THE SAGA OF SINBAD**

**Literacy, ICT**

*Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas* is a brand new action adventure story told on film. The character of Sinbad has been around for thousands of years in the Arabian Nights tales. Sinbad was, and is in this film, a mysterious hero and his stories are exciting fights between good and evil.

**Activity 1**

Find out more about the Arabian Nights stories. Search on the internet or in a library to find examples. Search through to see if you can find out about Sinbad. What sort of person was he in the stories? What sort of person is he in the film? Create a character profile and compare the differences and similarities.

Here are some useful website addresses:
- www.arabiannights.org

**Activity 2**

Here is a list of words taken from the description of the story from the film *Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas* website (www.uip.co.uk/sinbad).

- action
- daring
- rogue
- trouble
- stealing
- precious
- stow away
- chaos
- sirens
- scorpions

Find out the meaning of these words, then make up your own description of the story using the words in the list.

**After you have seen the film**

See the full description of the story of *Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas* by visiting www.uip.co.uk/sinbad, clicking on ‘Visit the official site’, then ‘Enter site’, then ‘Story’ and then ‘The Synopsis’. Did this description miss any details out? Write a more detailed description.
Here are four of the main characters from *Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas.*
Read their descriptions.

**SINBAD**
This is Sinbad. He is a daring, mischievous sailor who loves adventure.

**MARINA**
This is Marina. She is strong willed, stubborn and very brave.

**ERIS**
This is Eris. She is the Goddess of Chaos and a true diva! She has the power to cause chaos wherever she goes.

**SPIKE**
This is Spike. He lives on Sinbad’s ship. He is a good judge of character and extremely loyal.

**Activity 1**
Which character are you most similar to? On a separate piece of paper draw a picture of yourself as one of the characters and then write a short description of yourself underneath.

**Activity 2**
Marina has always dreamed of a life at sea, even though she is the Ambassador of Thrace. What do you dream of for your future? Write down how you intend to make your dreams come true.

**After you have seen the film**
Sinbad battles many monsters in this film. Write a description of your favourite saying why you think that one is the best. Make up your own type of monster which Sinbad must defeat. What does it look like? How does it attack Sinbad and his crew? What happens? You could even draw a picture!
Imagine what it would be like if Eris, the Goddess of Chaos visited your school!

**Activity 1**
Write a short story called ‘The Day that the Goddess of Chaos came to my School’. How would the chaos that she brings affect the school day?! Use the following headings to help you plan your story:

- The main characters in my story are...
- My story starts when...
- The chaotic events that happens in my story are...
- This is how my story ends...

**Activity 2**
Turn your story into a storyboard as if you were going to make it into a film. To help you, use the storyboarding worksheets at www.filmeducation.org by clicking on Primary Resources and then scrolling down to 'Scriptwriting and Storyboarding'.

**After you have seen the film**
Create a storyboard for your favourite 'Eris' scene in the film.
In the film *Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas*, Sinbad is accused of stealing one of the world's most powerful and priceless treasures - the Book of Peace.

What would be in your 'Book of Peace'?

**Activity**

In no more than 100 words, write what 'peace' means to you. When you are happy with what you have written, ask your teacher if you can email it to Film Education so that it can be entered in our very own 'Book of Peace'. The email address is: postbox@filmeducation.org. Make sure you put the 'Book of Peace' in the title box. All entries will be added to the 'Book of Peace' section on www.filmeducation.org/sinbad. Your teacher will be able to tell you when the entries will be up on the website.

**After you have seen the film**

Write down what the film taught you about:

- Sinbad
- Peace
- Friendship
- Loyalty

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