

The Dragon of Andor

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Glossary

Word	Definition
slayed	killed
alas	oh no

Vocabulary Starter

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nicknamed	a familiar name given to someone / thing instead of or as well as the real name.
fearsome	frightening - especially to look at.

1

How many verses does this poem have? Eight

2

How do we know that Dave was a friendly dragon? Give two reasons.

Dave is described as a 'friendly beast' who 'did not roar or bite'.

3

Can you find two similes to describe Dave's appearance?

He has eyes that glowed like rubies and scales that shone like gold.

4

Tick whether the following statements are true or false.

	True	False
Dave lived in a cave.	✓	
Dave was the dragon's full name.		✓
Dave was beautiful.	✓	

5

Why did the knight kill Dave?

The knight killed Dave because he looked peculiar and gave him a fright.

6

Circle the correct word to complete the sentence.

The children were happy tired sad when Dave died.

7

When we meet people who are different from us, what should we try and do? (Think about how the knight reacted to Dave because he was different.)

We should accept and celebrate their differences and make an effort to get to know them. Everyone is special in their own way!

8

Read the final verse. Does the poet believe adults or children are to blame for war and suffering? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

The poet believes that adults are responsible for war and suffering. The knights brought tears and pain when he decided to kill the dragon. However, the children wanted to share peace and love.

Extension activity

The knight killed Dave because he looked peculiar.

Dave was friendly but the knight killed him because he frightened him.

The children loved Dave so they gave him a nickname and played with him.

