

CYMRAEG / DYNIAETHAU · YEAR 4–6

Cymraeg — Y Mabinogion

Welsh Myths & Characters — Years 4–6

Y Mabinogion — The characters

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Y Mabinogion

A collection of the oldest Welsh prose tales — written down in the 12th-14th centuries but deriving from much older oral traditions. The most important work of medieval Welsh literature.

2

Rhiannon

A powerful otherworld woman who becomes Queen of Dyfed. Unjustly accused of killing her son. Associated with horses (a white horse) and birds.

Example: HREE-an-on

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Pryderi

Son of Pwyll and Rhiannon. Prince of Dyfed. Appears across all four Branches of the Mabinogi.

Example: PRUH-deh-ree

4

Pwyll Pen Annwn

'Pwyll, Head of the Otherworld.' Lord of Dyfed who exchanges places with Arawn, king of the Otherworld.

Example: poo-EETHL pen AN-oon

5

Branwen

A princess of Wales who marries the King of Ireland. Her story involves a starling that carries messages — one of the great Welsh tales of sacrifice and loss.

Example: BRAN-wen



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y Tylwyth Teg

the Fair Folk / fairies (lit. 'the fair family')

Example: uh TUL-oo-ith TAYG

7

Annwn

the Welsh Otherworld / underworld

Example: AN-oon

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hud

magic / enchantment

Example: HEED