

The Elements of Fantasy

***The Dark is Rising* is a work of fantasy. But what does that mean? Fantasy is a genre, the word for a category of books with similar features, stories, or characters. While books and movies in the fantasy genre have lots of differences, some elements often reappear and help us to identify the type of story we're following. In this activity, you will find examples of four elements of the fantasy genre from the play version of *The Dark is Rising*.**

Directions: Read *The Dark is Rising* and fill in the boxes with examples from the play of each of the elements of fantasy listed below.

<p>1. Characters have special powers.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>3. There is a fight between Good and Evil.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>2. Objects have special powers.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>4. The story is set in or includes episodes from a distant time period.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>